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KING SUMMONS ALL SADC SUMMIT FRIENDS

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has summoned all those who pledged to provide support towards the hosting of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Summit by the country to Lozitha Royal Palace tomorrow afternoon.

The royal message was delivered by Economic and Planning and Development Minister Prince Hlangusempi yesterday.

● Those who made pledges towards the successful hosting of the big meeting are expected to converge at the Lozitha Royal Palace tomorrow

The minister said the king launched the SADC Summit on November 5, 2015.

Summit

He said the Summit would start on August 22.

Following the pledges made by some members of the public, the minister said His Majesty would be ready to meet all those people

whether they pledged to support financially or in kind.

Even those who had already made payments into the SADC Committee Mobilisation Account, the minister said they were all summoned to make those pledges again.

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Percy Simelane explains politicians' high salaries

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE government has come out to clarify the recent salary adjustments for politicians after varied and confusing reports going around.

Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane explained that the pay structure is such that the alignment of salaries for politicians is pegged and dependent on the adjustment of civil servants' remunerations.

Simelane stated that the alignment is made by linking them to the highest paid civil servant, the secretary to cabinet.

He further said a cabinet minister is paid 20% above the secretary to cabinet and the prime minister at 50% above the secretary to cabinet.

"All other positions are paid at a ratio to the prime minister. For instance the deputy prime minister gets 90% of the prime minister's salary, a cabinet minister 80%, chief



CLARIFYING: Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane.

justice 94.63%, Supreme Court Judge 83.58%, attorney general 80%, regional administrator 75%, MPs 60%, Emabandla 60%, Indvuna Yenkundla 11%, Bucopho 9%," he said.

Simelane said this therefore means

the upward adjustment of civil servants' salaries automatically results in an increase of politicians' salaries as per the formula stated above.

"This is not a new phenomenon but has been a formula used since independence for politicians," he said.

MTN warns of 4G teething problems

SINCE June Swazi MTN is simultaneously working on two projects.

These are: Modernisation of network, and Roll-out of 4G LTE.

Swazi MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini has described the complexity of these initiatives as similar to changing an engine whilst an airplane is in motion.

This means whilst the company effects these essential improvements, Swazi MTN customers still need to have access to mobile telecommunication services.

Swazi MTN is making huge investments in its network. This is done with a view to provide the fastest speed to valued customers, and also improve customer experience on the network.

Modernisation of the network will usher Swazi MTN customers to a new platform with limitless possibilities.

Amongst other activities, modernisation of the network involves transfer of subscriber's data from old Home Location Register, which is essentially a database that administers the profile of all subscribers, to a new



WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK: Swazi MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini.

Home Location Register.

The old Home Location Register was supported by Ericsson whilst the new one is supported by Huawei.

Most of the changes that come with the two initiatives are being undertaken at night to avoid widespread disturbances. Modernisation of the network by Swazi MTN comes with 4G LTE capability that would enable customers to tap into world-class download speeds, alongside 32 other countries in Africa.

Already a total of 19 sites in Mbabane and at Ezulwini are initially earmarked for the roll-out of 4G.

Slightly over a hundred numbers are currently being tested on 4G LTE and the speeds thus far, have practically shown to have improved ten times more than the 3G technology.

Those who have test numbers are encouraged to keep in touch with Swazi MTN to ensure that the experience is improved before 4G is rolled out to everybody.

The practice of using test numbers before rolling out full scale is considered best practice throughout the world-wide. Swazi MTN is doing these tests end-to-end to ensure that when 4G LTE is rolled at full scale, to all parts of the country, there would be little or no challenges as there have been comprehensive tests from all angles. The CEO further said it is expected that there will be teething problems, and interruptions during this period, for which the company sincerely apologise.

Dlamini promised that once the process has been completed, customers will enjoy an uninterrupted experience on the network.

Burial space to cost E600 in Mbabane

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

RESIDENTS of Mbabane are fuming over the city's services charges that have been hiked by the Municipal Council of Mbabane.

The hikes are contained in the Service Charges By-laws for the Municipal Council of Mbabane Notice 2015 that has been tabled in parliament and yet to be implemented once passed.

This proposed escalation of the municipal council's charges is not sitting well with some residents of the capital city as they say the proposed charges are too steep as some are going up by more than 100%.

Charges that have sent the Mbabane residents into a fury are burial charges, recreational facilities user fees, vending charges, waste collection fees, building application fees and abattoir fees.

The purchase of space and digging of a grave for an adult is going up to a steep E600 from an affordable E246.

Rental of the usage of the Eveni Sports Ground facility for three hours will now cost a district league team E95, a college or university or junior team E72, a lower primary school team E48, a higher primary school team E55, a junior higher school team E60, a higher school team E60 and social clubs or random individuals E120.

The usage of the sports ground was previously at no

charge.

One Mbabane resident who wanted to remain anonymous said they are shocked that the matter is now in parliament yet the Municipal Council of Mbabane has never engaged them in any of the changes as is the usual norm.

"Our councillors and zone leaders did not inform us about any of this developments prior to the changes, we just learnt of the matter a week ago, some of this charges are ridiculous.

"How can they even increase the charge for recreation facilities such as the sports grounds in the outskirts of town like the Eveni Sports ground? This sports ground is used by the residents children to keep away from crime and drugs, what will happen to our youth now?" he said.

The residents are also outraged by the extreme municipal council's abattoir service charges.

Currently, dressing a sheep or a goat cost E61 but the proposed charge has jumped to E150, dressing a large pig cost E85 but will hike to E300 while a simple deep freezing facility will cost E200.

Street vendors selling fruits and vegetables are also livid on the hiking of service charges for their rental stalls mainly those situated at the bus rank.

Their service charge will hike from E100 to E150.

The complaint is that they do not make enough money as it is and the proposed hiked charges will affect their already next to zero profits.

Hiking service charges essential for excellent service delivery - Mayor

IN defense of the proposed increase of service charges, Mbabane Municipal Council Mayor Benito Jones said such is essential for excellent service delivery from the municipal council.

Jones said for the municipal council residents to be provided with the best service, there are charges involved.

"The charge of a grave plot includes a number of other things, amongst other things. It includes the digging of the grave, providing a number for the grave, and the basic maintaining of the gravesite. All this cannot be for free, there are people employed to do all this things and they all need to be paid. Where will their pay come from if all this things are free," he said.

Jones further said the same applies with the vegetable vendors.

"During the day they sell their wares to the public who litter peels all over the town, at the end of the day employees from

the municipal council clean up all the mess and that requires money because the cleaner needs to be paid," he said.

Jones further said the residents who are fuming and saying that they were never consulted over the proposed service charges are not being truthful.

Exercise

"This exercise started in 2014 when the proposed service charges were advertised in the local newspapers for all to see and submit their recommendations and objections.

"The problem is that Mbabane residents do not attend municipal council meetings.

"Only a small fraction come to the meetings and those then make their input," he said.

Jones also said since the matter is now in parliament the council has no power to change any figures and they have no reason to since the charges have been proposed for a reason and they are appropriate for the services.

ANGRY HODs TAKE DVULADVULA BATTLE TO COURT

● The HODs will today march with Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) executive to court to listen to their matter and they vowed that if the court applies its delaying tactics by postponing the matter they are ready to take to the streets

COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS there has been no *dvuladvula* for Heads of Departments (HODs) with some having their salaries slashed by E900, they are now taking their matter to court.

They want their matter to be treated with urgency and have already hired an attorney who will be representing them today at the Industrial Court.

The HODs will today march with Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) executive to court to listen to their matter and they vowed that if the court applies its delaying tactics by postponing the matter they are ready to take to the streets.

This was revealed yesterday during an urgent meeting between SNAT and all heads of departments at the SNAT Centre.

The meeting came after SNAT noted with dismay that HODs were not remunerated as expected and as per the collective agreement that was signed earlier this month.

SNAT General Secretary Muzi Mhlanga stated that they have already sought legal advice and their attorneys have filed papers at the industrial court.

Mhlanga stated that government has not filed opposing papers yet. Mhlanga said what has been done by government calls for teachers to take action and strike "*loku nje sekusinike indlela yekutsi sigwale imigwaco*" he stated in vernacular.

The angry teachers used every nasty word to describe what government

...SNAT wrote to chairman

SNAT wrote a letter to secretary to cabinet who chaired the negotiations complaining about what is captured by the circular establishment which is something different from the collective agreement.

In response, government is said to have written to SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga stating that the complaint on demotion of heads of departments from E1 to D3 was based on a wrong premise as heads of departments were evaluated and

did to them, words such as 'raped' 'robbed' 'betrayed' and many others.

Explaining the scenario to the teachers who attended the meeting SNAT Deputy Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said the establishment circular is a purely government instrument which is now being used wrongly by government.

Changes

He alleged that government went behind the unions back and made some changes when making the establishment circular without informing SNAT and put in place the categorisation which was never done by the consultant.

Dlamini said teachers agreed to accompany their executive to the Industrial court where they are now taking government to task for not sticking to the collective agreement.

Heads of departments for all schools according to the original agreement were supposed to migrate from C6 to E1 and there was no categorisation as to HOD Schools or



YES: SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.

graded at D3.

Government felt it was therefore factually incorrect that there was a demotion as a result of the salary review or evaluation.

SNAT said this is a blatant lie because they do not understand as to who was doing the evaluation and grading because the report that SNAT has states that the HODs must be elevated to E1.

Subjects.

Dlamini said they were surprised when they saw the circular stating that there is a category stating that there is HOD School and HOD Subjects. Dlamini said when making follow-ups they were told that they are head of subjects not of schools. Dlamini said therefore the mere fact that they are HODs and overseers of those departments means that the remuneration has to cut across because the same applies to services provided by the HODs.

Dlamini said all departments who feel like they have been affected by the salary review implementation must submit written recommendations to SNAT before Friday.

According to school HODs, they were shocked when they received their salary advice slips last Thursday, which had less money than what they expected.

"The salary advice was written back pay E93.75 and tax on back pay E26.73," said an affected source.

Ministry takes KFC matter up

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

THE ministry of labour and social security expressed shock that two employees were locked in a freezer by their manager in one of the Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) outlets.

The ministry's Principal Labour officer Stuckie Motsa said they will not take the matter lying down because what the KFC manager did was unconstitutional and very inhuman.

"This is very shocking it is a highly frowned upon misconduct and it is not even a way to discipline a person," Motsa said.

She went on to add that this was a huge offence in the court of law should it be taken there. It is common practice that when such incidents happen in work environments labour officers are dispatched to investigate.

On the other hand, no arrests have been made yet concerning the two KFC employees who were locked in a freezer for about 20 minutes.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba said they are still investigating.

"Since the matter is still being investigated no one has been called in for questioning or arrests," he said. He, however, mentioned that the Royal Swaziland Police condemn such an act, as it is illegal and can lead to death.

"Anything could have happened, since temperatures are below zero in a freezer, so we could be dealing with a culpable homicide here, the manager is lucky that the door was opened earlier because he could be facing a life sentence now, away from his job and family," Mamba said.

He added that even if the two victims deserved discipline, he could have at least reported them to the police, than this. The two

female employees Nondumiso and Sanelisiwe are currently undergoing medical attention after the cold affair they were subjected to by their manager identified as Samkeliso Dlamini.

They are also wondering what on earth they did to deserve such a humiliating and life threatening punishment from their manager.

Nondumiso and Sanelisiwe both confirmed the chilling incident stating that they were called by their manager who ordered them to take out a box of patties in the freezer within the cold room.

As they did that, the manger allegedly shut the door closed. The last they heard of him was his loud laughter as he walked away with colleagues from the freezer.

What is also peculiar is that the two staffers are alleging that they requested from Samkeliso and his other colleague Zanele Serera to wear their freezer jackets- a prerequisite before entering the cold room. However, they were allegedly told not to worry.

"When he told us to enter the cold room, we requested to get our freezer jackets and he told us not to wear them as the patties were urgently needed.

When we entered the freezer to take the box, he closed the door shut behind us and locked it, before he left in laughter," Nondumiso explained.

She added that fearing for their lives, they banged on the door and screamed for help in vain, as they remained in the freezer for about 20 minutes. "We kept on banging the door and we were lucky that another junior employee was coming the freezer's way and opened the door for us," explained the employee who is still traumatised.

When called for comment, KFC franchise area coach identified as DuPont declined.

He stated that since the publication had run the story without their comment, it can survive without one too.

Three vehicles in slippery road accident

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THREE cars were involved in an accident at the infamous Malagwane Hill after a truck from South Africa spilled oil resulting in the road being slippery.

The accident caused a massive traffic jam.

The three cars involved in the accident were a Honda fit, Nissan LDV and Toyota sedan.

Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the accident.

He further warned drivers to be careful especially when driving along the Malagwane hill as it is dangerous.

"Drivers should take extra care on this road.

"They should keep to the stipulated speed limit," he warned.



LUCKY TO BE ALIVE: The three cars which were involved in an accident at Malagwane Hill yesterday morning after an oil spill on the road. Fortunately no serious injuries were reported.

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Defiant MP Sitezi insists he is still CPA chairperson

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

DVOKODVWENI Member of Parliament Musa Sitezi Dlamini shall soon convene a meeting of the dismissed Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Swaziland Branch Executive.

The meeting will prepare for an Annual General Meeting (AGM). MP Dlamini said he would do that in his capacity as a legitimate chairperson of the CPA local branch executive, in total disregard for the 'coup de tat' that was attempted by rebellious members of the House of Assembly.

Dlamini said the manner in which the executive committee was overthrown from office was grossly unconstitutional and, there was a

● At least we are all in agreement that the executive take over was unconstitutional and even those who moved the so-called motion during that Special General Meeting concurs with us that the move was illegal

need to address that anomaly.

"At least we are all in agreement that the executive take over was unconstitutional and even those who moved the so-called motion during that Special General Meeting concurs with us that the move was illegal," said Dlamini.

Dlamini chaired the committee that was dissolved in a Special General Meeting by frustrated local branch members of the CPA who accused his executive committee of having failed on their duties by remaining ineffective and failing to convene an AGM for two consecu-

tive years.

The Dvokodvweni legislator, who has been previously accused by some of his colleagues as a puppet and blue-eyed boy for Speaker Themba Msibi, said who so-ever wanted to take-over the leadership of the international parliamentary body must be aware they did not follow laid down channels, making the whole process nothing but a coup.

"The CPA constitution states clearly the processes that need to be followed by members if they are aggrieved with anything," said

Dlamini.

He said the agenda for the AGM needed to have a notice of the intended move 30 days prior to the AGM.

"That is a constitution they signed for and must abide by it," he explained. Dlamini said not only did they violate the CPA executive but also the national constitution as well. Dlamini argued the national constitution advocates for the protection of people's individual rights. In this particular case, Dlamini said, their constitutional rights as members of the executive were violated as well. He said in a normal society, a person accused of any wrongdoing was charged and given the right to defend themselves.

"We are legislators and for us to violate the very same laws we enact defeats the mind of any rational thinker. Unless somebody comes and convince me otherwise," said Dlamini.

Even if the CPA members wanted to regulate themselves, Dlamini argued, they could not do so outside the national constitution and all other pieces of legislations governing the conduct of doing business in parliament.

Dlamini further said the CPA itself advocates for democracy and, therefore, whatever they did as members was supposed to be in line with democratic principles and national justice.

Dlamini's sentiments have been previously expressed by appointed MP Prince Magudvulela, another member of the CPA executive who was overthrown during what MP Sitezi described as nothing but a hostile takeover.

Prince Magudvulela stated that he still considered himself a member of the CPA executive.

MP Dlamini said the Senate has also told himself through the office of the senate president that the upper chamber recognised the members of the old executive as a legitimate team.

He said senate made it clear they were not going to conduct any elections for new executive members, adding that such a scenario presented confusion that nobody knew how it would be untangled.

The House of Assembly elected eight members to form part of a new executive committee for the CPA but, according to information from insiders, they have not yet met to craft a way forward.

UN paid for my Durban trip - Senator Bonsile

SENATOR Bonsile Mngomezulu says the hullabaloo over her external travel to Durban, South Africa to attend an International HIV and AIDS Conference was uncalled for.

Senator Mngomezulu said her colleagues in the senate chamber should be relieved to learn that she was never sent on that assignment by the legislature, nor was

she financed by government.

Following Senator Mngomezulu's departure to attend the international conference with Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane, senators were livid, accusing Senate President Gelane Zwane of having unfairly assigned the senator to the international assignment yet she was not a member of a health ministry

portfolio committee.

The senators argued that logic dictated that a member of the portfolio committee was supposed to take up the assignment so that upon their return a report was produced for tabling in the Senate as parliamentary procedure. This procedure, the concerned senators argued, helped the other members to learn of the activities that had taken place at the meeting.

Senate President Gelane Zwane cleared her name on the matter, arguing it was the minister who chose the senator.

Senator Mngomezulu said she attended the conference in her capacity as a member of Southern African Development Community (SADC-PF) Parliamentary Forum and was sponsored by a United Nations agency (UNFPA). She said as a member of the SADC PF Standing Committee on Human and Social Development, which touched on issues affecting the youth and HIV and AIDS related issues, the health minister was justi-



DURBAN TWINS: Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane with Senator Bonsile Mngomezulu during the International HIV and AIDS Conference in Durban.

fied in choosing her to attend the conference. She said no report needed to be tabled in senate by herself for the simple reason that the legislature had not assigned her anywhere.

"There is no minute that was signed for me by the prime minister nor was there any allowance granted to me by the government in respect of the trip," she explained. She said this was not her first trip to be sponsored by a UN

agency. Previously, she said she was sponsored by UNDP to Johannesburg, South Africa for a similar conference.

Most importantly, Senator Mngomezulu stated, issues of HIV and AIDS were declared by His Majesty King Mswati III as national disaster and a matter that concerned everybody, hence there was no need for anyone to monopolise such a national challenge.

King's dream shines at Lamgabhi Inkhundla

IN line with His Majesty King Mswati III's Vision 2022, Mhlangeni residents under Lamgabhi Inkhundla will today open a brand new neighbourhood care-point to feed underprivileged kids.

An elated Bucopho of Mhlangeni, Dumsani Mbuli, said the stage was set and ready for the joyous ceremony that would mark an end to malnourished kids in the community.

American Ambassador Lisa Peterson would be their main guest, having contributed a sum of E15 000 towards the community project.

Mbuli said as residents they had taken it upon themselves to ensure the welfare of the poor and underprivileged members was taken care of and made a contribution totalling more than E25 000.

The determination by the residents to spearhead their development and take good care of each other is in line with His Majesty's vision for a developed Swaziland by the year 2022, a period whereby every citizen would not go to bed on an empty stomach and have access to at least all basic social needs.

Mbuli said the contribution from the American government was highly appreciated.


"It enabled us to purchase enough roofing material for the neighbourhood care-point and bought enough bags of cement that helped us mould enough blocks to construct the structure," said Mbuli.

He said a coal stove has already been installed into the 5 x 3.7m structure, a water tank, a sink and a pit toilet.

To top it all, Mbuli said, the kitchen has been beautifully painted.

He said they have been successful to achieve all these developmental projects under the guidance of their leader, Inkhosikati LaVilakati and a team of Emalangeni that works closely with her at the local chief's kraal. He said although they have never had a substantive chief for the past 30 years, they were still spirited and more than determined not to be left out of the country's developmental initiatives.

His Majesty's government has been tasked by the Ingwenyama to drive grassroots and national development in the country through Tinkhundla-based social structures such as such constituency councilors and community-based health motivators.



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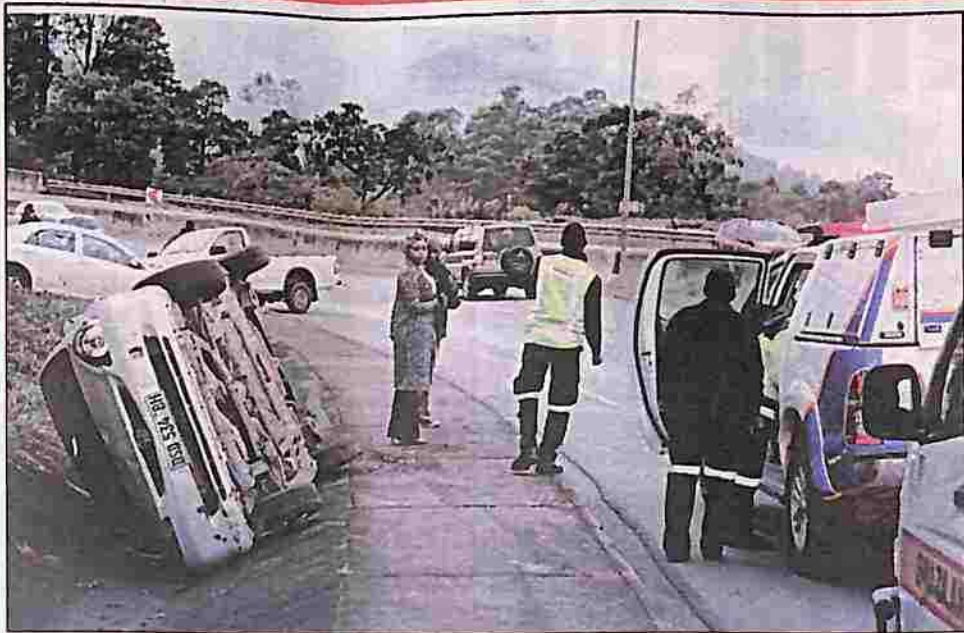
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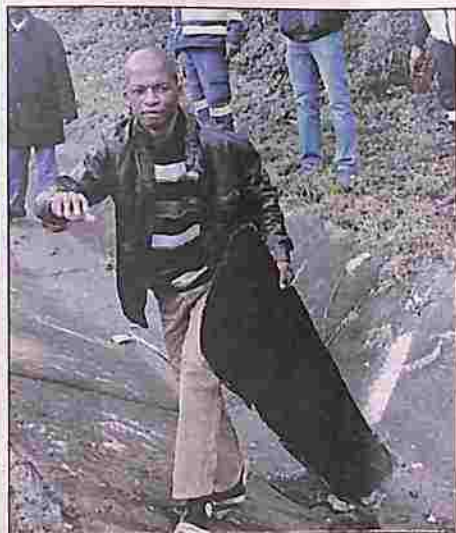
OIL SPILLAGE CAUSES ACCIDENT AT MALAGWANE



LUCKY TO BE ALIVE: The three cars which were involved in an accident at Malagwane Hill yesterday morning at 8am after an oil spill on the road. Fortunately no serious injuries were reported. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



THE CAUSE: The truck which spilled the oil on the road.



IT'S MINE: Musa Nkambule removing the remains of a windscreen.



I AM FINE: A Pick n Pay driver Anthony Madlanzi who was the first one to be involved in the accident making a phone call.



SHOCKED: A passenger and driver of the Nissan LDV recording a statement.



ALL MEANS: Fire and Emergency personnels doing all means in closing an oil spill on the road.



HELPING: Fire and Emergency personnel next to the Honda fit which overturned and rolled three times.



GO SLOW: A traffic jam caused by the accident.

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Kombi rolls with 10

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

A kombi loaded with 10 passengers overturned along the Hlatikulu/Nhlangano road yesterday afternoon.

It is said the light drizzle experienced in the country was the main cause for the accident, which however, was not serious. The kombi was heading in the direction of Nhlangano from Hlatikulu when it rolled just after the lunch hour.

It was extensively damaged but fortunately no lives were lost. It belongs to David Dlamini, whose family business trades as Mahhawulane Transport.

No clear explanation has been given as to what exactly happened resulting in the accident. However, a source said it occurred near KaMdabula/Sibetsamoya.

The source said the driver tried

everything to bring the kombi under control, but the slippery road worsened the situation.

The driver, identified as Fege Ntshangase, was not immediately available for comment. However, the source said he deserved to be commended for having minimised the damage, as the accident could have been worse due to the slippery road.

Driver

"It was obvious that he is an experienced driver because he did his best to keep the kombi on the road despite having swayed a number of times," said the source.

The source added that there were loud screams from the passengers as the kombi veered off the road and hit a valley before rolling on the side of the road.

It is said all the passengers sustained minor injuries and were rushed to Hlatikulu Government Hospital, where they were treated and discharged.

Others were only treated for shock.

Fire and Emergency personnel were quick to arrive at the scene and so were the police who assisted in rushing the passengers to hospital.

It is said Ntshangase was the only one whose injury was a bit serious and he had to be admitted just for observation by the doctors.

"He was the only one who could not be discharged as the kombi landed on his side. Doctors suggested that he should be admitted in order to have him monitored," a relative, believed to be close to the kombi owner, stated when called yesterday.

Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a kombi overturned along the Hlatikulu/Nhlangano Public road.

"All passengers were treated



CONFIRMED: Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

and discharged and only the driver was admitted as he sustained injury," said Assistant Superintendent Vilakati.

Nkhamba Primary by-elections next weekend

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

NKHABA Inkhundla Member of Parliament (MP) primary by-elections will take place next weekend.

The casting votes for the primary by-elections is expected to take place on August 6, 2016 at the same venues where the nominations had taken place two weeks ago.

This is contained in a statement sent to this The Swazi Observer by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) yesterday. The EBC will be overseeing the elections in all the voting station.

The Nkhamba Constituency consists of five chiefdoms including Nkhamba, Malanti, Ekuvinjelweni, Jubukweni and Mdzimba. Each of the chiefdoms nominated three candidates to stand for the primary by-elections.

Each of the chiefdoms will now elect one out of the three nominees in the primary by-elections on Saturday, next week.

Nominees

The nominees who will be successful, during the primary by-elections, will then stand for the secondary by-elections. Each of the candidates, from the different chiefdoms, will then compete against one another in the secondary by-elections.

The winner in the secondary elections will then become an MP for the Nkhamba Inkhundla. The Nkhamba Constituency will not be the only one engaging in primary by-elections. The Ludzeldze Inkhundla will also be going to the polls with an intention to fill a vacant post of its constituency headman (Indvuna YeNkhundla).

The Ludzeldze electorate will also be following the format that will be used by the Nkhamba, who will be electing their MP. The chiefdoms under Ludzeldze Inkhundla include Ekudzeni, Mbekelweni, Sigombeni, Zombodze, Lozitha, Vusweni, Nkamanzi and Sibuyeni.

The electorate from these chiefdoms will be voting for candidates who will be standing for elections to become Indvuna YeNkhundla. Another constituency that is expected to be busy is Lubuli Inkhundla. However, not all the chiefdoms under this constituency will be busy. Only Mabataneni Chiefdom is expected to go to the polls because the electorate in the chiefdom will be filing the post of the Constituency Councillor (Bucopho BeNkhundla).

18 CASES OF PASSION KILLINGS IN MBABANE

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THERE have been 18 cases of passion killings reported in Mbabane in seven months.

The figure shows an increase compared to the past years, announced Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba yesterday.

He said as a result of these shocking statistics, the Royal Swaziland Police had launched a campaign against female killers by their lovers throughout the

country.

During the campaign held at the Mbabane Plaza yesterday, Crime Prevention Sergeant Mguvo Kunene told the public to report any form of violence they witnessed at an early stage.

"We have seen a rise in the number of cases as a bad sign, saying, more cases were now being reported which was not the case in the past.

Safety

A number of efforts have been taken to ensure the safety of women in the country," said Mamba.

Mamba said the number of

reported cases, which stands at 18 since January till to date and this year's tally, is more than double last year's.

"A number of efforts have been taken to ensure female safety in the city.

But above all, we need to sensitise the society about violence, which usually leads to brutal killings," said Mamba.

Campaign

The passion killing campaign was launched by the police a few months back. "We have been to Siteki, Mankayane, Malkerns and Nhlangano townships," he said.

He further thanked the companies that have supported their campaign in the past.

"We would like to send our sincere appreciation to Swazi MTN, Pick 'N Pay Stores and Mr Bread for their contribution towards the campaign."



INCREASE: Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

IN HIGH COURT OF SWAZILAND

HELD AT MBABANE
In the matter between;
CASE NO. 605/16
STANDARD BANK SWAZILAND Plaintiff
AND
BONIFACE XOLISA MDLULI Defendant

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a writ of execution issued in the above matter, the under mentioned property will be sold by public auction by the deputy sheriff for the district of Hhohho at the High Court of Swaziland on the 9th September 2016 at 10.30am.

Certain: Lot no. 9 Glen Township situate in the district of Hhohho, Swaziland.
Measuring: 764 (Seven six four) square metres.
Held: Under lease no 17/2012

IMPROVEMENTS: dwelling house comprising of three bedrooms, fitted with built in cabinets, Kitchen fitted with timber cabinets and double drainer stainless steel sink unit, bathroom fitted with WC, Wash and hand basin and a bathtub, half wall ceramic splash back, Lounge, The floors are finished with vinyl tiles throughout, windows are of glazed steel framed casements incorporating burglar bars, external doors are stable doors in steel frame.

RESERVE PRICE: E580 000.00

The conditions of sale are available for inspection at the office of Sheriff in the High court Mbabane.

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned

DATED AT MBABANE ON THIS 26th JULY 2016

SHERIFF OF SWAZILAND
C/O REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT MBABANE

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSENT

IN TERMS OF THE MBABANE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME 2012

I Cebile Harja Msibi, the owner of the property in question, hereby make a public notice in terms of Clause 1.6 of the 2016 Mbabane Town Planning Scheme that I wish to apply for a SPECIAL CONSENT to establish 2x2 bedroom double storey apartments on Remainder Extent of Portion 163 of Farm, 2, Mbabane Township.

Anyone having an objection to this application may lodge their objections, in writing, with the Mbabane City Council at P.O. Box 1, Mbabane, Swaziland not later than 16th August 2016, which is 21 days from the last publication of the Notice namely on 26th July 2016.

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Police arrest, detain wrong man

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

PRINCIPAL Magistrate Dumsani Magagula had to acquit and discharge a man who was charged with contempt of court after the court was told that police had actually arrested the wrong man.

Mlungisi Masuku appeared before the court yesterday after he was arrested on Monday. According to the charge sheet, Masuku was said to have undermined the authority of the court by refusing to heed to a call to appear before the same court. He was said to have refused to sign and accept summons, which were brought to him by a police officer. The summons were

purporting that one Bheki Masuku was needed by the court for a peace binding matter between him and businessman Thamsanqa Mkhombe.

During the accused person's appearance before court, lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini told the court that the police had arrested the wrong person.

Dlamini stated that the accused person could not accept summons which were not addressed to him. He said the accused person was therefore unlawfully arrested and further detained for the whole day.

The crown did not object to the defence council's submissions, hence the court acquitted and discharged the accused person.

Meanwhile, another man appeared before the court after he was charged with robbery. Banele Dlamini of kaLanga was said to have wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally robbed the one Edward

Hleta of various items valued at E18 000.

The accused person is said to have used an axe to threaten and induce the submission of the items by the complainant. The items included money in cash, clothes and cellphones.

The crown filed an application to have the accused person remanded in custody pending further investigations. The accused was then ordered to return to court on 28 July for setting of a trial date.





MANZINI NEWS

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It is such a great pleasure when stakeholders take time to attend Council meetings and participate in decision-making that affects their city.

This is the spirit that prevails in the City of Manzini and Council is grateful for the interest that stakeholders are exhibiting towards the affairs of the city. Beginning of this month, Council, in partnership with the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, engaged with the Manzini business sector in a well-attended meeting. The purpose of the meeting was, amongst others, to give a report on progress in the delivery of projects that have been pegged in the vibrant city's five-year Integrated Development Plan as well as get their comments on same. Moreover, it was meant to share the outcome of a service delivery assessment of the Municipal Council of Manzini by the World Bank. Council is grateful to the media for their coverage of the meeting. However, she feels that there is need to share other pertinent stakeholder sentiments that were not published by the media due to space constraints. Please read on...

■ "WE WANT SATELLITE RANK TO OPERATE"

The business community raised concern about the influx of public transport vehicles in the city, adding that such was one of the major causes of the obtaining vehicular congestion. It was stated that there is a need for the bus terminal services of the city to be decentralised by way of operationalising the satellite bus rank which is currently used as a trading zone for handcraft traders on Wednesdays and Thursdays owing to unsuccessful earlier attempts to operationalise it. The satellite bus rank is located in the south-eastern part of the city near The Hub shopping centre whilst the operational bus terminal (Main Bus Rank) is located at the heart of the Central Business District. The business people said having the satellite bus rank operational would help spread business activity and flow of traffic throughout the city; in the process stimulating further investment and job creation. Another businessperson, who said she was a public transport operator, was of the view that a big *indaba* that would involve the public transport sector, Council and all other relevant stakeholders needs to be convened in order to find win-win solutions to the obtaining vehicular congestion in the city. She, however, went against the grain regarding operationalisation of the satellite bus rank, stating that past experience had proven that the facility was not good for business. She was, however, brought to order by other stakeholders to the effect that time to dwell on the past is over and it was now time to focus on the future.

■ "PROVIDE SAFE CITY FOR RUNNERS, CYCLISTS"

Another issue that was raised during the meeting was the state of safety of runners and cyclists who try to keep healthy and fit by exercising on the streets in the mornings and evenings. One of the businesspeople said he had

WHEN BUSINESS PEOPLE SPEAK

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YES, WE WANT A FIRST WORLD CITY: Another stakeholder emphasising a point.



MY TURN: Jet Mart Store Manager, Mandla Khumalo, spoke strongly about the need for cleanliness in the city during the day. **RIGHT - CAN I SPEAK PLEASE:** Melisizwe Ginindza from the Swaziland Revenue Authority also contributed suggestions.



CYCLIST FRIENDLY CITY: Manzini businessman, Rodney Young, also had something to say during the stakeholder meeting with the Manzini Council.

observed how citizens of Manzini had become health conscious hence the city's streets were usually littered with people who were either jogging or cycling. He called on Council to make the streets user-friendly to pedestrians, runners and cyclists by properly maintaining the walkways so that these people do not end up using the road, thereby exposing themselves to road traffic accidents. He actually advised Council to benchmark her infrastructure maintenance with the City of Cape Town, South Africa. A concern was also raised about the driving school sector. It was recommended that driving schools be banned from utilising the Central Business District for practice purposes during peak hours as such contributed to vehicular congestion.

■ "IT'S TIME PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR LITTERING"

Littering was another hot issue that was discussed during the meeting. The business community felt that public education against littering had been undertaken since time immemorial and what was left to be done was drawing the stick against offenders. One of the stakeholders stated that a regulation had been passed by the Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) to the effect that spot fines of E50 should be imposed on offenders and up to E50 000 in fines imposed on those to be found guilty of illegal dumping. He urged Council to engage the SEA and agree on how that regulation could be operationalised in



SATELLITE RANK: Former Manzini South Member of Parliament and Manzini businesswoman, Thandi Nxumalo, making a submission during the stakeholders meeting.



INTERACTION ALL THE WAY: Even representatives from the public transport sector did attend the big meeting and made submissions.

Manzini City. He implored Council to give that recommendation priority so that Manzini would be kept clean ahead of the upcoming SADC Summit and beyond. The stakeholder expressed appreciation to Council for making an effort to sweep the city streets even at night; adding that one would swear they are in Kigali (one of the cleanest cities in Africa) at night but come daylight, the city reverts to a filthy scenario. The stakeholder noted that countries which had been successful in dealing with littering had imposed fines against offenders hence Swaziland should do same. A suggestion was made to the effect that the private security company (currently Kwekwe Security) that is contracted by Council to patrol the city and abate nuisance should be given an added responsibility to guard against littering. Another businessperson, who concurred with the speaker, called on the Royal Swaziland Police to join forces with Council and heal the city of this cancer. He noted that Council was making an effort to provide litter bins in strategic points in the CBD but stated that more need to be installed.

■ "PLEASE CLOSE THAT BAR!"

A particular drinking hall within the Manzini Central Business District (CBD) was fingered to be one of the most chaotic in the city and Council was urged to close it forthwith. The business sector noted that the bar was not being properly managed by the owner to the extent that patrons were allowed to urinate in the nearby street instead of the available toilets within the premises. The bar was also said to be operating till 3 o'clock in the morning yet the law was clear that such businesses should close at 11pm. The name of the bar was mentioned during the meeting but Manzini News has decided to withhold it pending its

owners putting their house in order; failing which it shall be boldly named in subsequent editions of this article. Noteworthy, even the Royal Swaziland Police representatives who were part of the meeting alluded to the chaos that happens in the bar in question. They stated that they always made an effort to enforce the law but discovered that the owner had been granted an extension in operating hours hence were unable to force them to close at the normal closing times. The police mentioned that the issue of granting bars extended operating hours was causing problems for the city hence the Government Department that is tasked with granting such extension permits needed to be engaged. Other stakeholders mentioned that in other cities outside the country bars were not allowed to open after as early as 9pm and those cities were peaceful during the night.

■ "PARLY MUST ENACT STRICT WATER HARVESTING LAWS"

The Manzini Council stakeholders who attended the meeting noted that strict laws on water harvesting needed to be enacted by Parliament if the country is to survive harsh situations such as drought. They stated that the drought situation had taught the country that it needed to be proactive on issues of water conservation.

One of the stakeholders stated that as soon as the legislation had been enacted, building plans that do not have a provision for water harvesting should not be approved by Council - including developments in the Central Business District. It was further stated that the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, in partnership with Council, should continue encouraging Manzini citizens to use water sparingly in order to avoid an undesirable situation.

8 NATIONAL NEWS

MACMILLAN PRESENTS SCHOOLS WITH E108 000 WORTH BOOKS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

MACMILLAN Swaziland has donated books to the value of E108 000 to nine schools in the country. According to Macmillan Managing Director Busi Simelane the donation came about as a result of a debate that the schools had during the International World Book and Copyright Day.

Simelane said pupils displayed their talent and demonstrated that through their intelligence and understanding of things that indeed Vision 2022 would be achieved.

The MD said it was for that reason that they decided to pledge to the children to supply them with books which is an endless wealth of knowledge.

Simelane said as Macmillan they saw it fit that they must not only give the books to the children who were participating during the debate but to other schools as well.

She said the books would go a long way in helping even those who do not have libraries, adding that one does not need to have a huge room to call it a library but even a small room was enough to keep books and can be a good start.



GIVING BACK: Customer Service Manager Octavia Masuku, Macmillan MD Busi Simelane and Hlobisile Stromvig during the donation at Macmillan.

Simelane urged teachers to look after the books and make sure that they are well cared for. She said even though it was a small donation she hoped that it would make a huge difference in the lives of learners.

Each school received books worth E12 000.

Among the schools to receive the donations were Vulamasangu School, St John Bosco, Elangeni High School, Lobamba Lomdzala, St Mary's and St Annes. Teachers were also urged to place book orders early with Macmillan so that the books can be delivered in time.



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER - Teachers listening to Macmillan MD making her remarks during the donation.



THANK YOU: St John Bosco teacher Leonard Shongwe thanking the kind gesture by Macmillan during the donation of books worth E108 000 to nine schools.



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SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO AN ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENSE REVIEW PUBLIC MEETING

- The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) invites members of the public, businesses, individuals and potential investors, including stakeholders around the Mpaka, Dvokodweni constituencies and the surrounding areas to a public hearing meeting on the 17th of August 2016 at Mpaka Railway Main Hall, at 9:30 am.
- This public meeting invitation follows an application by Canham Mining International for a license to generate electricity using coal, by setting up a generation plant around Mpaka.
- The public is invited to make comments and objections concerning the proposed project, in writing to the Authority.
- This meeting seeks to provide a platform for the investors to respond to the comments and objections submitted by the public concerning the setting of a generation plant at the Mpaka area.
- Members of the public are encouraged to keep time in attending this meeting, including anybody who may want to raise/submit his/her concerns regarding this project, after which the investor will be given an opportunity to give clarity on the concerns that will be raised during the meeting.
- For more information concerning this meeting, the public is advised to contact the SERA offices on 24048425/24041439 and ask for Sikhumbuzo Nkambule or alternatively via email through info@sera.org.sz. Thank you.

VUSUMUZI MKHUMANE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MONEY-MAKER CONS KOMBI DRIVER, FRIEND E5 000

By Sizwe Dlamini
Mnyokane

A kombi driver from Mbabane and his friend from Pigg's Peak are looking for a man of foreign descent who conned them money amounting to E5 000 claiming he could make money using newspapers and spells.

According to the kombi driver, who preferred to remain anonymous, the man who they suspect to be of Nigerian origin and in his late 30s, was brought to him by his friend from Pigg's Peak.

He was told that the man would demonstrate how to make money using newspapers.

The kombi driver said: "The man made me cut out a piece of paper and told me to put the paper into a container that had a lid and I did as instructed."

The man then emptied a bottle with a substance into the container and he started dancing around with the container chanting ABSA Bank! ABSA Bank! several times."

He said the man then opened the container and its contents started to burn and he closed it and repeated the ritual he had earlier performed.

He opened the container again and the paper that was originally put into the container had disappeared and was replaced by a E10 note.



MAGIC MONEY: A E10 note allegedly made using a spell and a piece of paper.

"I was shocked and the man then gave me the money and sent me to the grocery shop to buy a litre of Coca Cola with it so that we could drink together," he said.

The kombi driver then stated that when he came back with the drink he asked the man why he made only E10 and he stated that he had run out of the substance in the bottle and he needed to go buy it at a special shop in Barberton, but he had no bus fare.

"I then offered to pay the bus fare for him and I asked if he could make me some money when he came back and he said that was very possible but the substance in the bottle cost E2 500. So, we agreed with my friend to give him E2 500 each so that he could go buy the substance and make us more money and he promised to make us E50 000 each, and we were

excited."

The kombi driver stated that the man then left with his friend and he came back on a Friday to collect the money which he had raised for the trip to Barberton.

"I must say that it has been a long three months ago since we last heard from the man. He left us a phone number but he does not use it and it is embarrassing to admit that we were conned," he said.

The Pigg's Peak resident said: "We went to the police but they said it was not a criminal offence because we gave him the money willingly and he did not steal it from us."

We just want to warn the public out there against these people because they can easily convince you of things which may look possible yet con you at the end."

Clerks, interpreters not getting a review anytime soon - Govt

By Linda Jele
Mbabane

THE ministry of public service has denied ever promising court interpreters and clerks a revised salary review.

This comes in the wake of circulating reports among the country's court interpreters and clerks salaried at Grade B5 that their salaries will be reviewed again.

They had complained that they received little increment when government implemented the recent salary review.

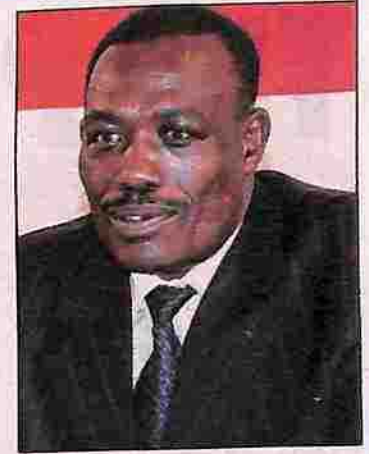
They complained that some of their counterparts within the judiciary, with whom they were earning almost equal salaries, were rewarded handsomely and moved to much higher grades while they remained in the same grade and only getting less than a E1 000 boost.

Crown Prosecutors, who were earning around E11 000 before the salary review, will now be paid about E22 000 and this did not sit well with the interpreters because they felt they deserved a similar reward.

The interpreters held mass meetings to discuss the matter and were joined by other civil servants paid in the same salary scale.

They last week reported among themselves that they had met senior officials from the ministry of public service and voiced their concerns.

They then reported that they were promised that there was a mistake during the implementation of the review exercise and were promised that they would be getting an improved offer.



ATTENDED MEET: PS Evert Madlopha.

An interpreter, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were all informed that the meeting at the ministry of public service had been attended by their representatives as well as the Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha.

Madlopha, it was stated, had been accompanied by officials from the MSD within the ministry.

"We were told that the ministry said it would rectify the mistake and would work around the clock to ensure that when government runs the August salaries, we would receive our improved salaries," said the source.

However, the acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Felton Mhlomo said there was no such meeting.

"We are not aware of such meeting. I was out of the country, but upon return I asked the principal secretary to brief me on pending issues because he was leaving the country."

He did not tell me of that issue. I have consulted with the MSD and they have denied that there was such a meeting," Mhlomo said.

Swazis remain safe in Turkey - Embassy

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

NO Swazi was affected by the coup d'état that was attempted in Turkey weeks ago.

This has been confirmed by the Brussels Embassy through the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation yesterday.

The embassy highlighted that there was no reason for panic over the safety of students and other Swazis based in Turkey.

On July 15, 2016, a coup d'état was attempted in Turkey against the government but ultimately failed. The attempt was made by a faction within the Turkish Armed Forces that was organised under a council called the Peace at Home Council.

The council attempted to seize control of several key places in Ankara, Istanbul, and elsewhere, but failed to do so after forces loyal to President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the cabinet of Binali Yıldırım defeated them.

The motives behind the attempt remain unclear.

The council cited an erosion of secularism, the elimination of democratic rule, a disregard for human rights, and Turkey's loss of credibility in the international arena as reasons for the coup.

The government blamed soldiers linked to the Gülen movement, a group designated as a terrorist organisation by the Erdoğan government

and led by Fethullah Gülen, an exile, and some members of the Turkish government and pro-government media have accused the US government of secretly backing the plot. Gülen has condemned the coup and denied any involvement.

He instead accused the Turkish president of staging the event as a false flag operation in an attempt to legitimise further curbs to civil liberties and purges to the judiciary and military, as well as to increase support for an executive presidency.

Attempt

The attempt had several consequences domestically. During the coup, over 300 people were killed and more than 2 100 were injured. Many government buildings, including the Turkish Parliament and the Presidential Palace, were damaged.

Mass arrests followed, with at least 6 000 detained, including at least 2 839 soldiers and, for reasons that remain unclear, 2 745 judges and 42 journalists. Fifteen thousand education staff were also suspended and the licenses of 21 000 teachers working at private institutions were revoked as well after the government alleged they were loyal to Gülen.

Reactions to the event were largely against the coup, both domestically and internationally. The main opposition parties in Turkey condemned the attempt, while several international leaders such as those from the United States, NATO, and the European Union called for "respect of the

democratic institutions in Turkey and its elected officials".

International organisations expressed themselves against the coup as well. The United Nations Security Council, however, did not denounce the coup after Egypt, a non-permanent member of the Council, objected to language used in the proposed draft.

Man sues cops E700 000 for assault

By Linda Jele
High Court

A man has narrated a near death experience in the hands of Nhlanguano Police who assaulted him for no reason and he is suing for E735 000.

Wandile Ernest Mlilo of Mkhitsini in the Shiselweni region, claims that he was assaulted by about eight police officers after he was found watching television at a neighbour's house on April 30, 2016. He alleges that he had to undergo an operation on the stomach area after he was heavily assaulted by the police officers. He has instructed his lawyer Justice Mangosuthu Mzizi from Masina Mzizi Attorneys to institute legal proceedings against government and the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) and claim compensation for pain he suffered from the alleged assault.

These are allegations contained in Mlilo's papers, merits of which are yet to be contested before a court of

law. The government and the police service are yet to enter a defence to the case. He claimed that he had gone to watch television at a Mdluli homestead and when he arrived, he was confronted by armed men who questioned if he was a member of the Mdluli family.

Mlilo alleged that he told the armed men that he was not part of the Mdluli family, but this seemed to have not gone down well with the men. He claimed that he was severely assaulted all over the body with fists and kicks.

He alleged that he fell, was handcuffed and assaulted further while on the ground.

He was later bundled into a police van while still handcuffed and he then realised that the men were police officers.

"The police did not explain their mission at the homestead. He managed to identify one police officer, Mandla Khumalo who was part of the about eight police officers who assaulted him," read Mlilo's papers.

He claimed that he was taken to the Nhlanguano Police Station where the assault continued. They were allegedly joined by others from the Drug department. Mlilo alleged that he was assaulted until he lost consciousness. He claimed that when he regained consciousness, he found himself admitted at the Hlatikulu Government Hospital and was operated and treated for internal bleeding. It was argued that the police officers who allegedly assaulted Mlilo were attached to the drug department of the police service and were acting within the scope of their employment.

It was further argued that the alleged assault was a gross violation of section 28 (2) of the constitution which stipulates that a suspects shall not be subjected to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment. Mlilo demanded payment of E20 000 in respect of current and future medical expenses. He further claimed payment of E500 000 for pain and suffering as well as E200 000 in respect of emotional shock. He further claimed payment of E15 000 for legal fees.

10 NATIONAL NEWS

FEMALE CON ARTIST ON THE PROWL IN MBABANE

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

POLICE have issued a warning on a woman who is out to con unsuspecting and gullible members of the public out of their hard earned money.

In Mbabane, the young woman has invented a new modus operandi on which she uses to cunningly steal from her naïve victims.

operate

She is said to operate between the Mbabane Mall, Swazi Plaza and Corporate Place.

It is said the young lady targets ladies found shopping in retail outlets. After carefully studying the persona of her target she approaches them sounding all

friendly and desperate.

"The lady comes up to you and chats you up.

After realising that the 'prey' has become comfortable with her she then sweet talks the 'prey,' complimenting her body structure saying it is exactly the same as her sister's or a friend she is trying to buy a gift for," said one lady who became a victim of the con artist.

Requests

She revealed that the con artist then requests the 'prey' to fit the dress or whatever clothing she has chosen for the alleged sister so she could see if that particular item will fit her absent sister well.

"When you go inside the fitting room she offers to carry your handbag and other items and just stands right outside the fitting room and chats with you and you

do not suspect anything as she is friendly, yet during that time she sneaks her filthy hands into your handbag, opens your purse and cleans it out of any cash found there," she said.

The source revealed that after fitting the dress, she returns the handbag and offers to buy the victim coffee at the nearest coffee shop as a kind gesture.

Shock

"While you are sipping away your freebie and still in shock of the free coffee from a stranger she walks away with your cash without you even realising it," she said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that a number of people had reported this kind of incident to the police.

"After realising that the police were on her heels, the woman is said to have changed her modus operandi and moved to the Mbabane Government Hospital, where she targets sick people who seemed distraught and women carrying toddlers and a number of other items," he said.

Unsuspecting

Mamba said the police are still on the lookout for the woman, who is robbing unsuspecting females out of their hard earned cash in Mbabane. He further warned the public to be on the lookout for strangers who are always acting overly nice and offering to help them.

"There are a lot of opportunists and people should be on the lookout. These people appear to be genuine yet have ulterior motives," he said.



NOT HAPPY: Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Ntshangase.

Mzuthini decries lack of relevant laws

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

HEADS of corrections, and other penitentiary institutions from the African continent, have observed the need to put in place serious health care interventions within correctional settings to prevent offenders from contracting diseases while in custody.

Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Ntshangase attended the meeting which formed part of the 21st International AIDS Conference last week.

Ntshangase confirmed the burning desire amongst corrections/Prisons Services leaders to implement the recommendation, but explained that Swaziland was not yet ready to put this measure in place because, currently, there was no legislation in place to support the rolling out of condoms to the offender community.

While there is a general feeling amongst corrections expert to allow condom distribution in prison settings as a mitigating factor, Ntshangase explained that currently the operations of Correctional Services were regulated by the Prisons Act of 1964 and the Swaziland Constitution of 2005, which have no provision for offenders' conjugal rights, hence it would be impossible to implement any programme that is not supported by law.

Recommendations

However, even in the absence of such legislations, Ntshangase said the department does engage offenders on sexual health education and also gives them condoms upon release. Amongst the recommendations which were made included condom distribution at the correctional centres to prevent offenders from contracting or transmitting the HIV virus amongst themselves and to the broader community upon release.

He said this and other measures can only be implemented once there were relevant laws in place. The other issue which troubled the minds of the delegates was the fact that research studies are indicating that the rate of HIV infection is high in correctional settings than in the general population.

Ntshangase said this could be due to the fact that correctional institutions are the most neglected government departments worldwide, particularly in the African continent where they are hugely underfunded.

"As a result of this, there were very few studies conducted to provide data on HIV and other infections in African Prison settings, hence most communicable diseases could use this as an opportunity to undermine the lives of offenders," said Ntshangase.

He said many factors could have contributed to the general increased infection risks in prison settings. These include: HIV transmitted through consensual unsafe sexual activities, rape, unsafe medical practices, unsafe tattooing, blood sharing rituals, sharing of injection equipment and other sharp instruments as well as from an infected mother to her child at birth.

Ex-manager sues SNTC E500 000

Stories by Linda Jele
Industrial Court

The Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC) faces a E500 000 lawsuit, after its former CEO Sinaye Mamba allegedly constructively dismissed a manager.

Goodluck Gule, a former Financial Manager of the parastatal has claimed that he was unfairly dismissed from his position as a result of the former CEO's conduct which made it possible for him to execute his duties. He has claimed that he was forced to leave his position before his three year contract had come to an end.

He claimed that he concluded a written contract with the entity on July 5, 2001, but Mamba, in the first two years of his contract, conducted himself in a manner that

made it impossible for him to work. He claimed that Mamba, engaged a marketing consultant who was paid and no proof was submitted to him.

He also claimed that Mamba neither consulted his office nor discussed the matter with him an action which undermined him and the office's integrity.

Recruitment

"The CEO interfered in the recruitment of an accountant who fell under the direct control of the applicant and continued to deal with the junior on matters that required the input and action of the applicant.

The respondent (SNTC) refused to re-imburse the applicant on cell phone calls made on behalf of the business of the employer, notwithstanding SNTC's board of directors," Gule said.

Gule further alleged that Mamba continued to defy accounting pro-

cedures by collecting rentals from SNTC's subsidiary at Mantenga Village and not accounting to him, as the custodian of all monies of the entity.

He also claimed that he engaged a contractor for all projects without following due tendering processes, notwithstanding their magnitude. He informed Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane that he tried to engage Mamba, but it made issues worse because he was then excluded from all meetings of the organisation.

Usurped

He alleged that the former CEO usurped his powers and refused to talk to him on any matter work related or otherwise.

He alleged that he reported the impasse between him and Mamba to the board of directors, but nothing was done.

"The action of the CEO and the failure to act by the board was tantamount to constructive dismissal. When the applicant took the matter to the department of labour for

reconciliation, the respondent advised him that his matter will be resolved and all his benefits will be paid.

The applicant was forced to leave his job before the conclusion of his contract with the respondent, as it was impossible to continue under his employment," Gule said. He alleged that the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) dealt with his issue, but it was not resolved. He alleged that when Mamba passed away, he communicated with SNTC who promised to pay him, but later avoided communicating with him. He claimed that he was earning E10 015 per month and has claimed payment of E42 535.11 in respect of outstanding gratuity. He has also demanded E144 492.69 in respect of lost salary earnings through to the end of his contract, which was to lapse in June 2004. He has further demanded payment of lost pension, housing allowance and medical contribution.

...SNTC denies Financial Manager unfairly dismissed

THE Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC) has denied that its former Financial Manager Goodluck Gule was unfairly and constructively dismissed.

In its replying papers, filed by Dunseith Attorneys, the commission claimed that Gule willingly and voluntarily tendered his resignation and it was duly accepted.

It further denied that Gule's job was made impossible by the former CEO Sinaye Mamba.

"In particular, the respondent denies that its then chief executive officers Sinaye Mamba conducted himself in any manner as alleged or at all and the appli-

cant is put to strict proof thereof," read the papers.

It was further argued that the claim for E240 360, in respect of maximum compensation for automatic dismissal, was not ripe to be entertained by the Industrial Court.

It was submitted that the matter was not conciliated upon, as per procedure therefore the claim should be dismissed as it deals with the automatic dismissal.

It was argued that the case should only be dealt with on the issues that had been determined by CMAC, prior.

Judgment in the matter was reserved until July 29, 2016.

CLAIM	AMOUNT
Outstanding gratuity	E42 535.11
Lost salary earnings to end of contract up to June 2004	E144 492.69
Gratuity for the period up to June 2004	E36 123.16
Loss of pension	E11 559.41
Loss of housing allowance at 12 percent of basic salary	E17 339.12
Loss of medical contribution	E6 400
Pension earned, but not paid as at March 2003	E16 953
Automatic dismissal compensation at E10 015 x 24 months	E240 360
TOTAL	E500 762

30 protestors march to cop shop over vendor's death

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane



AT SENIOR LEVEL: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

OVER 30 protestors marched to Sigodvweni Police Station to demand answers on the death of a vendor who was killed by a police officer last Friday in Matsapha, near Mathangeni.

The protestors, made up of mostly vendors, demanded answers regarding the circumstances in which the vendor was killed by a car driven by the officer.

Apparently, the vendors were furious that that police officer who was involved in the accident did not exercise due care.

"They were angered by the fact that the police officer, who is based at Sigodvweni was negligent in killing the vendor," said a source.

He said the vendors crowded the police station calling for the immediate suspension of the police officer who killed one of

expressed their anguish and it was resolved that they should stage a protest march to the police station the following day.

According to the source, over 30 protestors showed up for march to Sigodvweni on Saturday at around 11 am.

"The angry vendors wanted answers from the members of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP), based at Sigodvweni, about what has been done to the police officer who killed the vendor," said the source.

What also angered the vendors was that the police officer was still on duty despite the fatal accident having happened the day before.

"He must face the law. As vendors we want to open a case against him for careless driving," said the vendor, who was among the protestors.

During the protest, the eyewitnesses said the vendors threatened to make the industrial town of Matsapha ungovernable if the

Sigodvweni officers did not give them proper answers.

"The protest took almost one and a half hour. It was not sanctioned by the police and the vendors seemed prepared for anything that might happen to," said the source.

He said the vendors claimed they had proper permits to sell their vegetables near the four-way stop at Mathangeni.

The police officer was driving his own private car when the accident happened.

"The vendor was selling chickens to a customer on the road when she met her death."

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba when sought for comment said the matter was handled at the senior level.

"We are still investigating the matter and we request the vendors and members of the public to be patient while investigations are going on."

Man stabs woman with Okapi

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

AN attempted murder case involving a man from Luhlendlweni in the Hhohho region has been referred to the High Court.

Nhlanhla Lucky Mkhaphi (38) is accused of having stabbed one woman known as Khanyisile Masango with an Okapi knife.

The incident is said to have happened at or near Macobolwane in the Hhohho region.

Mkhaphi is said to have stabbed Masango several times in the body. His deed is said to have inflicted near fatal wounds from which Masango nearly died.

Mkhaphi appeared before Mbabane Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, who said the case would be referred to the High Court.

Vilakati remanded the accused in custody until July 29, 2016, pending commitment to the High Court. He was advised to apply for bail at the High Court if he wanted to be out of jail while awaiting his case to be heard by the same court.

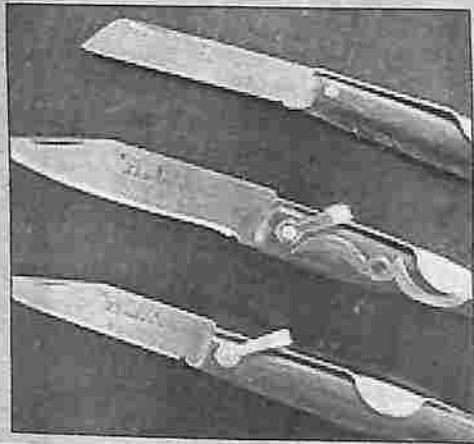
However, he is still expected to appear before the Magistrate's Court on July 29, 2016 for the committal.

Meanwhile, another suspect also appeared before Magistrate Vilakati for an alleged crime of rape. Thulani Makama (23) of Elangeni was accused of violating the Girls and Women's Act No. 39 of 1920. He is said to have wrongfully, unlawfully, and intentionally had sexual intercourse with a minor girl without her consent.

The name of the girl will not be revealed because the girl is still a minor.

Magistrate Vilakati admitted Makama to bail of E1 000. He was given the bail conditions, which he was told to abide by.

He was told to avail himself in court whenever he was ordered to do so. He was also told not to interfere with the state witnesses in the case in which he was accused, especially the complainant. He was also warned to desist from committing similar offences while out on bail, as well as to return to court on July 29 for trial.



Anped boss apologises for wrongfully accusing manager

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

ANPED Security Services boss apologises to his manager and the entire nation for suspecting his manager for fraud.

Andreas Dlamini, who is the Managing Director at Anped Security Services, has come out to clarify to that it was not his operations manager that committed fraud in his company.

The operations manager in question here is Zanele Mhlanga. **Suspected**

Mhlanga was, in April this year, suspected of having committed fraud to the tune of E18 000, much to the loss of her company. The matter was even published in the local daily newspapers on April 12 this year.

Dlamini stated that it was true that Mhlanga was suspected, but it was found in the end that she did not commit any wrong-doing.

"I want to apologise to the whole nation, to our clients and

more especially to Mhlanga for the mistake we made. What is even problematic now is that we cannot work properly because people do not want to work with her because they take her as a criminal. We cannot send her to do tasks on our behalf as a company," Dlamini said.

Mhlanga is said to have made a mistake by paying E18 000, instead of E1 800 to Sibusiso Simelane, a security guard who is stationed at Mbadlane in the Lubombo region.

Discovered

This happened before April this year. Mhlanga discovered the mistake and hastily reported it to Simelane's supervisor in Mbadlane. She did this without informing Dlamini, her managing director.

Dlamini then found out that the E18 000 was missing and a board meeting of the company was convened, where a letter of suspension was written to Mhlanga. The suspension was effected with an intention to continue with investigations without any interference.

Dlamini said they did this thinking that Mhlanga must have done this before. "What also disturbed me was to learn that she was trying to sort the problem without involving me. I was also taken aback by the fact that she was the one who was now paying the workers instead of the accountant," Dlamini said.

Bothering

The managing director went on to say he now understood why all these things were happening. He said Mhlanga was trying to be effective in doing her work without bothering anyone, especially her managing director.

He also understood that his accountant, who did not want to reveal her name, was loaded with so much work that Mhlanga offered to help her. Little did she know that such a mistake would then happen.

Meanwhile, Anped Security Services Operations Manager Zanele Mhlanga confirmed that there was such an incident at her work place.

She admitted to have done such

a mistake. She then said the mistake was done by a misprint, which led to Simelane being given the E18 000.

"I did not involve my managing director because I am the operations manager, who was entrusted by the managing director to carry out duties without bothering him. I thought I was going to recover the money as I did take the steps to do so," Mhlanga said.

Suspension

She said she was then surprised to find that a letter of suspension was written to her.

Her story was then published the following day.

What happened then was that she was recalled to work as it was found out during the investigations that she was not linked to any fraud, as the money was mistakenly given to one of the workers.

When asked if the money was recovered, she said it had been recovered, even though it was not lost in the first place.

Mhlanga is currently on leave until August 1, 2016.

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

MQOLO Central Primary needs E70 000 to extend its offices.

This was revealed by the school's Principal, Archie Thwala, in a parents' teacher meeting that was held last week.

Thwala said the school's office block needs an extension to house the principal and the deputy principal's office. "The offices are now

small and the school's committee has approved the extension of the office block.

The school needs about E68 745 for the whole extension," he said.

The meeting was prompted by the preparation of a farewell function for two teachers that will be held at the school towards the end of the third term.

Thwala said apart from the office

block, the school also needs some minor renovations, such as painting and other minor touch ups.

"My office as well as that of the deputy principal needs to be extended. The school has still to seek financial help from former students of the school and business people to help in financing the extension of the school," he said.

Ministry of Education Director Dr

Mqolo Primary needs E70 000 to extend offices

Sibongile Mntshali-Dlamini said for a school principal to engage parents or anyone in any financial transaction for any extension of development in a school the Regional Administration Office should be engaged and consulted.

"Any financial activity should be reported to the REO's office before any financial transaction take off," she said.

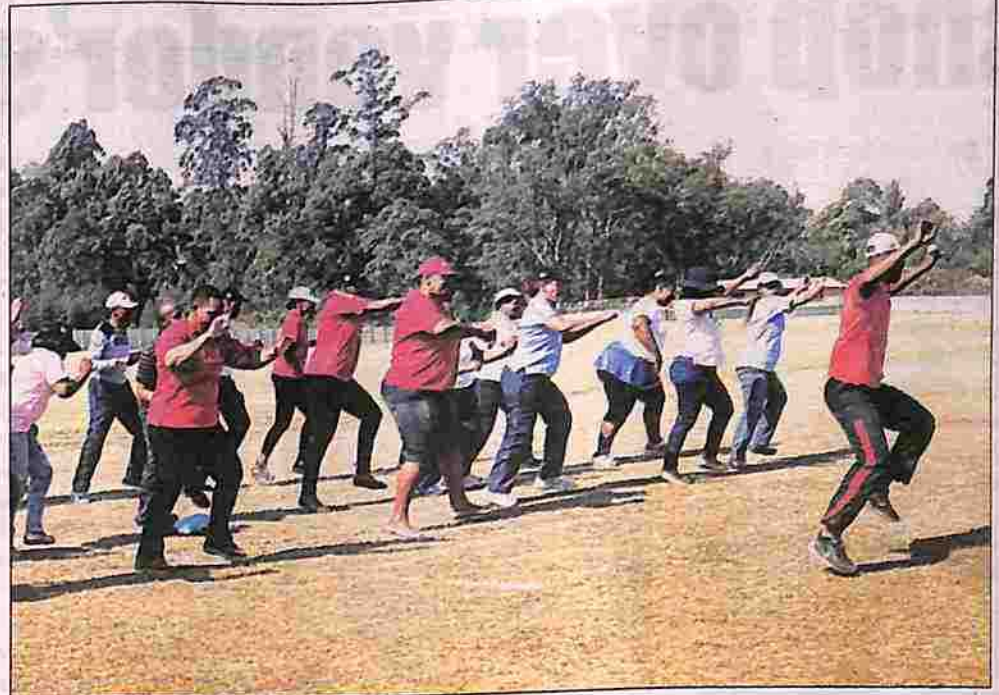


SHOULD BE ENGAGED: Ministry of Education Director Dr Sibongile Mntshali-Dlamini.

UN Wellness Day



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: A section of UN staff and service providers at the UN Cares Wellness Day hosted last Friday at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground. (Courtesy Pics)



KEEPING FIT: Staff members enjoyed themselves during the aerobics sessions.

UN CARES HOSTS WELLNESS DAY

UNITED Nations Swaziland staff came together at a Wellness Day event hosted by UN Cares Swaziland last Friday.

The main objective of the day was raising awareness among UN personnel on issues of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs), HIV and AIDS, the effects on their health, stress and time management as well as to provide sensitisation on Gender Based Violence issues which are becoming rife within the UN families and the country as a whole.

The eventful day started off with aerobics session where staff from all UN agencies in Swaziland, namely UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF, FAO, UNESCO, WFP, UNODOC, UNHCR and ILO, participated. Service providers and partners such as PSI provided services such HIV testing and counselling, diabetes test, blood pressure test and health education for both men and women.

Other partners such as Breast Cancer Network, ministry of health and service providers gave talks on TB, Cancer (prostate, cervical, breast and others), gender based violence, personal finance management as well as stress and time management.

UNICEF Representative Rachel Odede congratulated the UN Cares Swaziland team for hosting the first Wellness Day for UN Staff, which included information empowerment in the field of personal financial management.

She said this is usually a subject relegated to personal and confidential area of staff members' life, yet it

"Like many organisations whose desire is to excel in performance and service delivery, the UN system wishes to echo the message that wellness plays a significant and central role in meeting the development goals of the Swazi Nation."



KNOW YOUR STATUS: UNFPA Representative Sharareh Amirkhalili getting her blood pressure tested by PSI's Siphwe Dlamini.

forms a major aspect of an individual and a cause for stress if not handled well.

Healthy

She added that the event was of importance as staff was every organisation's greatest asset, and that the workforce needed to be healthy and alert to threats of lifestyles and practices that undermine wellness.

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Prosper

I wish to underscore what many of you know already, that is staff is



SAFETY FIRST: WHO Health Promotion Officer Dr. Kevin Makadzange inspecting the condoms at the PSI Swaziland stand.

every organisation's greatest asset and that for any nation to prosper and deliver human development interventions, those who are in the forefront—that is workers, have to be healthy," she said.

Discussions on personal finance management were conducted by Richard Phungwayo who encouraged the UN staff to mind their spending against their income, advising against extravagant lifestyles that are financed by credit.

Nolwazi Dlamini from the Breast Cancer Network talked to the staff about cervical and breast cancer, giving tips on how to take care of their bodies to avoid these diseases.

Mbongeni Magagula from SWABCHA talked about prostate cancer, its effects and precautions to avoid developing the disease.

Nonhlanhla Bhiya on behalf of the UN Cares Swaziland team thanked the staff for attending and participating in the event.

She said UN Cares in Swaziland recognises the importance of integrating wellness initiatives for the UN personnel as

key for behaviour change which facilitates prevention and mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS as well as NCDs.

UN Cares was developed as a global UN programme whose objective is to reduce the impact of HIV in the UN workplace by supporting "universal access" to a comprehensive range of services for all UN personnel and their families.

Wellness

In addition to this objective, the programme has expanded into a wellness programme to ensure that UN personnel live healthy lives, free from stress and other debilitating ailments/diseases through increased access to information on Non Communicable Diseases. The UN Cares programme previously focused on raising awareness around HIV and AIDS where people were educated around prevention of acquiring HIV, support for treatment with ARVs as well as opportunistic infections and impact mitigation.

The programme has now expanded to include raising awareness on NCDs.

Corban Build Hardware

.....specials to close on high note on Saturday

CORBAN Build Hardware hosted specials aimed at collaborating, mainly, with civil servants who got their back pay from government to make their shopping for building material easy.

The specials tagged Dvuladvula Specials are running from all the four Corban branches and set to end this Saturday with a free for music showcase at their Mhlabubovu Branch. The 100 percent Swazi owned company currently has branches in Manzini, Ngculwini, Mankayane and Mhlabubovu with prospects of expanding to other area around the country.

Company Sales and Marketing Consultant Reggie Kunene said as a company they decided to make purchasing building material easy for their customers especially civil servants who got their back pay to finish their structures. "As a company we decided to do specials for our customers to be able to use their back pay wisely and purchase building material to either complete their structures or start building their houses and homes. The specials are still on going in all our outlets.

The specials will end on a high note on Saturday at Mhlabubovu as we will have a host artists who will perform free of charge for our customers. I would like to invite people from Mhlabubovu and surrounding areas to come in their numbers to take advantage of the last day of the specials.

They will also witness performances by local artists mainly gospel musicians who will entertain them on the day" he said.

He added that Corban is determined to bring building material closer to the people at affordable prices. He said they are doing everything to bring their shops closer to the people. He added that they will soon be opening a new branch in Luvu adding that preparations are at an advanced stage.

Corban recently opened their Mhlabubovu Branch which came in less than three months of opening of the Ngculwini branch. It is determined to spread its wings across the country as they are in the verge of opening yet another branch.

Scara Maziya Partners with Corban...

Meanwhile the closing ceremony promises to be an exciting event as Gospel Artist Scara Maziya has partnered with the company. The artist will be shooting his live DVD album on the day.

A number of artist have lined up to entertain customers on the day, the likes of Nonhle Mthethwa, Amazing Mthethwa, Zaga Dlamini, Phetsile Masilela and comedian Smalz are also lined up for the show.



Scara promised an exciting show on the day. There are also South African artist who are lined up for which will be mainly gospel and a few Mbhacanga and mastandi artists

He invited people to come in their numbers and enjoy the show while also enjoying specials in all building material inside the Corban Build Hardware as it will be closing on the day.

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21 000 Hhohho residents in need of food aid

THE severe effects of the drought are still being felt in the seven constituencies under Hhohho region.

This has forced 21 500 people living in the vast scattered homesteads within the region to live without any form of food security, said Mfandzile Jabulani Sibandze, Indvuna of Ntfontjeni.

Sibandze stated that the effects of the drought hindered any development programmes proposed by the Tinkhundla at any meetings because residents would often ask the same question of how they could talk about development when they were hungry. "We have an estimated 21 500 people in all the seven Tinkhundla, scattered around the Hhohho region," he said.

He said these numbers were estimates but a reflection of how many people were facing serious food security issues, due to the current drought situation.

Forced

He said most families have failed to plough anything this year thus were forced to buy food with prices constantly soaring higher. He added that this has had a terrible effect on the region because most of the people were not lazy and often practised small subsistence farming. "However, due to the drought these people have to rely on food aid," he said. Sibandze stated that the food insecurity led to a high crime rate, as people in the area have resorted to crime to help support themselves and their families.

"About three quarters of the people who live within the area have no steady form of income and many are unemployed and young, so they resort to theft including house-breaking and robbery. Others resort to dagga growing as they have land that is sitting idle and some are smuggling the sub-



DEVELOPMENT: This is a garden donated by the red cross at Madadeni in July however such gardens are now being vandalised in acts of jealousy and the fencing is stolen according to Mfandzile Jabulani Sibandze the Indvuna of Ntfontjeni.

stance at borders, while there are those others who are stealing livestock. There is just a lot; some even kill the stock, mostly cattle, and chop off the meat and hide the carcass. The women who cannot find jobs but have children to feed resort to petty crimes like shoplifting and, in worst case scenarios to prostitution. It is a very serious situation," he said.

Grateful

Sibandze added that as parents they were very grateful to government for the food provided at schools as this was driving more and more pupils to go to school as many of them only eat dinner at home.

"We are eternally grateful to the Swaziland Government for providing our children with food in schools along with the free primary education, which has lifted a very

heavy burden off the shoulders of parents who cannot always afford to fend for their children. Many of these children only have meals at school; so the school feeding programme is a very important initiative that can never be overlooked," he added.

Assistance

Sibandze stated that various donors, both locally and internationally, were trying their level best to help the region, but the aid was not enough as the effects of the drought far outweighed the assistance they were receiving from the organisations. He said this was also creating jealousy amongst the unaided families, who he accused the organisations of favouritism and discrimination. He further highlighted that the aided families were selected by the different donor organisations, which all had

their own selection criteria.

"All the families will plead for donor support but not all will get it, thus the unsupported families will not understand why others received the support.

Squabbles

This leads to jealousy and squabbles within the various communities and it may even extend to crime, as the people who get aid are usually the elderly, who live with small children who cannot always support or defend themselves, then we have seen house break-ins and vandalism of property; usually the items that have been recently donated," he said.

Sibandze stated that they had seen fencing that was donated being vandalised and stolen just one day after it was handed over by the organisation. The fence was supposed to be used to protect the gar-

den but was stolen by jealous individuals. He further stated that government had promised more aid but still had not delivered and it was painful to tell the families that the aid had not yet come as they had promised.

Promised

He said the government, through the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), promised to donate food to 1 500 people in the area, but they were then told to make a list of the most needy people, but to date the aid has not been received. He added this occurred back in April. "It is unfortunate because these people were promised something, now they have nothing, it is very frustrating not only for us but for the people who think we are lying, when we say nothing has come forward," he said.

E10m Pigg's Peak roads upgrade to start soon

RESIDENTS from the Hhohho region can expect upgraded, user friendly roads as the Pigg's Peak Town Council plans to inject E10 million towards upgrading the two roads that run through the centre of the town as part of their capital project.

This was announced by the Pigg's Peak Town Council, during an annual ratepayers' meeting, held at the Gobondhlo hall over the weekend. The meeting was

attended by newly elected Pigg's Peak Mayor, Thembisile Dlamini-Ngcampthalala, as well as Pigg's Peak Town Council Clerk, Mzwandile Ndzinisa.

Awarded

Interviewed, Ndzinisa said the upgrading of the roads was to be funded by government and the money came through a grant awarded to government via the World Bank. Ndzinisa stated that the two roads to be upgraded were Hlubi and Nkomazi roads. The

roads are too narrow, particularly in town, and cause congestion. "They are also hazardous and slippery during the rainy season," said a ratepayer.

"The upgrades will focus on widening the roads, as well as resurface them, in order to allow users to have more grip and leeway. We expect to start the upgrades as soon as possible as they are part of a list of projects to be completed by the Pigg's Peak town council for this financial year."



SOON: Pigg's Peak Town Council Clerk Mzwandile Ndzinisa.

Indvuna living in fear after receiving death threats

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlalango

THE once powerful Indvuna Thami Thikazi is living in fear and claims there are people who want him dead.

The outspoken Indvuna says he has been targeted by unknown people who kept sending him threats, some through the phone and even straight to his face. He mentioned that his only sin was being strict when executing his work as the *Umphakatsi's* gatekeeper.

"This has been happening for a long time. People tell me that I am wanted dead because of my hard-line approach in doing things. I know these people are the law-breakers and those who want things done their way. They fail to respect orders," said Thikazi.

Asked when this started, Thikazi said even though he could not be specific, what he knew was that it all started when elders of the area were cracking the whip and ordering everyone within the chiefdom to know whom they should pay their allegiance to.

"Mbilaneni is a huge area under Malambule who is the chief of the area. There are however people who are questioning his authority and claim to be from another chiefdom.

It was ordered long time ago that anyone who would not abide by the rule should pack and go. We still have people who are defiant despite that even the elders at Ludzidzini ruled that Chief Malambule is our leader. When I try to effect that order by

reminding these people, I become an enemy and not only that but they want me dead," said Thikazi.

Thikazi said he was aware that were those hell-bent on causing disorder and not ready to show respect to the leadership of the area. He said as *indvuna* of the area he was the one who got grilled whenever things were not done the right way.

"I am the one who is held accountable by the authority of the area whenever things are not going according to order. All that I am doing is to try and put things into perspective and this then earns me more enemies than friends.

Anyway, I am not in this position to make friends or enemies but to see to it that the image of the chiefdom is protected.

If we order people not to proceed with a burial because of pending issues then such an order gets defied it's easy to tell that things have got out of hand.

The worst part is when people are served with court orders and they resort to violence and even threatening messengers of the court and even police officers," said Thikazi.

He said he was aware how he managed to earn himself the title of enemy number one in the area and as such he now always walked around with his eyes wide opened.

"It's part of the job because you can't expect to be loved by everyone.

As for me, I don't care who loves or hates me. The country has laws and the communities have been set up to make sure that the rule of law is respected and followed to the letter.

Even here in our area, no one should do as

he pleases or else we will be allowing anarchy. It's unfortunate that when you try to effect the law then you are then hunted and threatened with death as it is the case with me," said Thikazi.

Even though he did not mention the nature of the threats, he did indicate that some people paid him strange visits at night and his family was not comfortable.

"I do get calls from private numbers. They make threats and also pass derogatory remarks. I no longer feel comfortable answering a call from a private number. I have also started not answering any call especially if the caller is someone not listed in my phone book.

There have also been cars coming by my home and driven to the gate during the night.

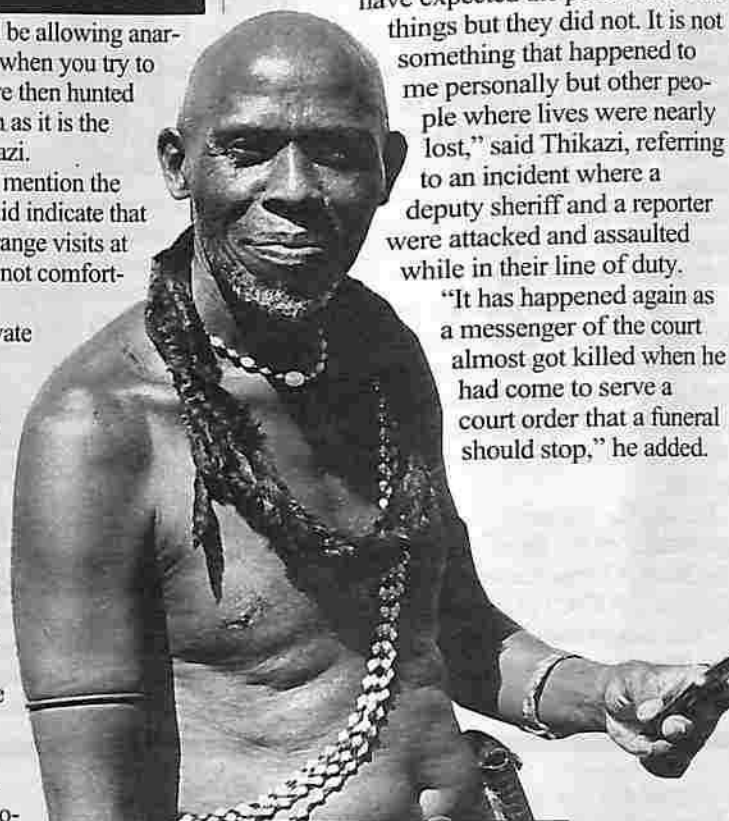
These are strange vehicles driven by strange people and they simply turn by the gate without saying any-

thing, which is quite puzzling," said Thikazi. Asked if he has reported these threats to the police, Thikazi said he has not and does not even think he would do so anytime soon.

"I haven't reported to the police because I don't see it worth reporting especially when I know very well that they cannot help me with anything.

I am talking about what I know because there are past experiences where one would have expected the police to act on things but they did not. It is not something that happened to me personally but other people where lives were nearly lost," said Thikazi, referring to an incident where a deputy sheriff and a reporter were attacked and assaulted while in their line of duty.

"It has happened again as a messenger of the court almost got killed when he had come to serve a court order that a funeral should stop," he added.



THREATENED: Indvuna Thami Thikazi.

Thikazi not ready to step down

DESPITE claims of receiving death threats, Mbilaneni Indvuna Thami Thikazi is not ready to step down.

Thikazi said even though he is fully aware how he has earned himself more enemies than friends in the area, he was not thinking of resigning or leaving.

"I have not considered stepping down and I am not ready to do that. I am only going to step down once those who appointed me feel they need someone else.

"The position I hold is not easy but I can't ask the elders to replace me. I receive threats all the time and I have information that I am targeted for death but I will not step down because of that.

Coward

I am not a coward and one thing I know is that the Lord is my protector and my shield. I am going to remain in this position until Chief Malambule decides to relieve me," said Thikazi.

Thikazi said he was not going to allow those planning evil to succeed by forcing him out of the position.

"They must know that the spear they are sharpening for me could be the same weapon that would be used against them. It's true that I am worried by all the threats but stepping down has never even crossed my mind," said Thikazi.

He added that due to the ongoing situation he now makes sure that he keeps indoors most of the time and return home early. "I



DECISION MAKER: Chief Malambule.

do not travel much especially at night. Even during the day, I make sure that I keep my eyes wide open to what is happening around me," said Thikazi.




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NEW SCAM TARGETING DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THERE are reports of a new scam that seems to be targeting people by offering benefits to family members of a deceased person.

According to a student at University of Swaziland, Luyengo campus, he recently received a letter from the post office addressed to his father who died in 2009.

He said the sealed package from the post office contained a letter claiming that the Chief Operating Officer and Accounting Unit of ABSA Bank, Gidion Duba in South Africa is searching for a foreign partner.

He said the scammer claimed he got contact of his father courtesy of the South African Export Promotion Council (SAEPC) in Johannesburg.

"This caught me by surprise since my father passed away in 2009 and as far as I know he had no contact

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

with the above mentioned SAEPC," he said. According to the student, the scammer said he discovered that there is an account belonging to the late Josef Pohl from Germany who died along with his entire family in a plane crash in 2000.

He said the scammer further assures the person to confirm the genuineness of the deceased's death by clicking on a website: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/Europe/859479.stm>.

In the signed letter, it is stated that they have been waiting for any next of kin of Pohl as no one knows about this account or anything concerning it. "The account has no other

beneficiary and the investigation proves to me as well that his company does not know anything about this account and the amount in the account at the moment is US\$10 000 000 million dollars Only (ten million United States dollars only)," reads the letter.

The scammer claims the funds are in United States dollars, therefore, need a reliable foreign partner/account to transfer the money overseas. To show interest in the deal, he requested that the victim contact him using the following number +27785404276 or email gidionduba@yahoo.com.

The source said in the letter, the

receipt is wanted to co-operate in order to make this transaction work because the management of the bank is ready to approve the payment to any foreigner who has correct information on this account.

"He claims the victim should give the correct information of the account if he has interest. He is of the hope that the victim need to be reliable and be a truthful person in this business relationship because he doesn't want any mistake," said the source.

The scammer said he needs strong assurance and confidentiality because of his position in the company. He further claims that the bank will transfer the money to any reliable foreign account.

"All documents regarding this transaction will be destroyed once the victim receives the confirmation of the money in the account thus leaving no trace to anything."

The scammer further says he will give the victim 40 percent of the total amount while he keeps 50 percent and 10 percent will be for expenses that might incur during the course of the

transaction.

Lastly, the scammer asked the victims to send their private mobile phone and fax numbers for easy communication including their personal bank account details where the money would be transferred. "Provide the name of the bank name, bank address, account number, account holders name, bank branch and identity number reads the letter in part."

The scammer also requests the victim to call the private phone number provided above before sending the mail for security reasons.

Contacted for comment, chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba advised the public to ignore such letters and emails.

He said they should not open accounts on behalf of people. "The public should ignore messages from foreigners or any other people involving money."

Meanwhile, it was later gathered that other families had been targeted by the same scam as they also reported to have received letters.

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250 Shiselweni II residents receive rice worth E17 000

By Gugya Simelane
Mbabane

OVER 250 residents of Shiselweni II Inkhundla last Wednesday received a food donation worth E17 500 courtesy of Strydom Mpanza and Jesus Projects Swaziland.

HIV/AIDS Coordinator at Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP) Strydom Mpanza said after seeing the dire situation as a result of the drought that has had a terrible impact to the people of Shiselweni II he took it upon himself to seek a food donation from Jesus Projects Swaziland to help save the situation. Each homestead received a bag of 10 kg rice.

"250 residents were identified from nine chiefdoms in Shiselweni II. The people who received the donation were children from child-headed households, HIV and AIDS



HELPING OUT: Jesus Projects's Frank and Britta Bauchrowitz posing with Shiselweni II residents. (Courtesy pic)

affected people and households headed by the elderly," said Mpanza.

He further revealed that the need to seek for the donation at Jesus Projects Swaziland was prompted by the difficulty that people taking specific medication lacked food yet most of the medication requires to be ingested on a full stomach.

Njabulo Sithabe of Jesus Projects Swaziland said the company directors, Frank and Britta Bauchrowitz saw the donation as an opportunity to

give back to the community.

"One of the company's vision is to give back to the Swazi community. The directors always say they are sent by God to reach people in the most poverty stricken areas who cannot even afford to buy anything from the shops," he said. Sithabe said the total cost of the donation is E17 500.

Residents of Shiselweni II were overjoyed over the donation from Mpanza and the Jesus Projects directors, saying the rice donation would go a long way.



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AFRICA is in ruins! Africa is in tatters! Africa is lost in a trackless jungle of pain!

Africa is bleeding from wounds of self destruction! Well, this is not a poem of joy but pain, of seeing a continent engulfed by greed and hate! In Africa the sound of laughter has been replaced with the sound of guns: North, West, East and Central, our eardrums are bombarded with the songs of wars and rumors of wars! The SADC region is by far, the most relatively calm, (by comparison) region in the whole of Africa. This, of course, does not necessarily mean it is void of its own shenanigans. It does, but only in comparison, score far better points than the North, Sahel, West, Central and East Africa. And this calm has to be maintained at all costs because a fragile neighborhood is a springboard for wars.

It is not like Africa South has always been this calm we have seen in the last 20 years, it also had a lot of civil wars as countries fought for independence and power of control. But for the past 20 years, Africa South has had a few civil wars that had devastating and horrendous consequences to millions of lives; as is the case with North, West, East and Central Africa. Thank God we have not had situations that spiraled out of control, leading to warlords, that enjoyed dancing, kicking and urinating on dead bodies!

States

SADC consists of 15 member states, namely; Swaziland, Mozambique, Angola, Lesotho, Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Namibia, South Africa, Seychelles, Democratic Republic of Congo and Mauritius. The mentioning of the DRC as a SADC state has always raised the debate on whether it is in Central Africa or Southern Africa.

A country like the DRC is a 'stain on a white background' in my debate about a peaceful SADC because even at this minute there's fighting in the South East of the country. To many people, from a geographic stand point, DRC is more Central Africa than SADC but we don't talk geography here, we talk reality, so lets welcome DRC as a SADC state as is written in the statute books.

Again, there is a big question mark on the head of Seychelles, whether it is from SADC or East Africa. Interestingly both claim her.

Of the 15 SADC states, in the last 15 years, only DRC is at war. There are tensions and fragility in

SADC IS AFRICA'S LAST HOPE



LAST HOPE: Botswana's President Ian Khama after being appointed as the SADC chairperson delivering his speech in one of their meetings. (File pic)

Zimbabwe and Angola but not to the extent of a civil war. It just needs cool heads to arrest the situation. Lesotho also has political upheavals that can also be put to order with SADC intervention. Madagascar's social upheavals are presently under control. After 1994, South Africa has become a beacon of hope and its democracy is maturing with each passing day, though the killings during elections are becoming scary.

The rumors of war in Mozambique need to be clamped down as SADC has no room for rumors of wars, wars and a fragile neighborhood.

Besides these states, that have had wars, a good percentage, maybe 95% of SADC

countries, have only seen war on CNN, BBC, Sky News or when watching Rambo or Chuck Norris, killing thousands of Vietnamese at Cinelux and Gulios auditoriums. And it has to end just there:

In the movies because we don't need no war! Not only in SADC, but in the whole of Africa and the world. However, as SADC enjoys these statistics of hope, the whole of Africa is in ruins!

North Africa includes seven countries and territories; Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, and Western Sahara. Since the overthrowing of Hosni Mubarak in 2011, in Egypt, after 18 days of mass protest, there has been total unrest. Muhammad Hosni El Sayed, succeeded him but was viciously overthrown and

jailed resulting in more unrest. His successor, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi is also feeling the heat as there are many upheavals.

In Libya, after the fall of Gaddafi, again in 2011, the country plunged into war. In 2012, USA ambassador Christopher Stephens was killed when the US embassy was bombed. South Sudan has become the killing field of Africa as President Kirr and his vice, Riek Machah, fight. They talk peace and their actions scream war!

The Sahel is the eco-climatic and bio-geographic zone between the Sahara to the north and the

Sudanian Savanna to the south. It stretches across the south-central latitudes of Northern Africa between the Atlantic Ocean and the Red Sea. It covers parts of northern Senegal, southern Mauritania, central Mali, northern Burkina Faso, south of Algeria, Niger, north of Nigeria, central Chad, central and southern Sudan, north of South Sudan, Eritrea

and north of Ethiopia. Our Geography, respected teacher is now a worst liar! He told us the Nile River is from Egypt! Sudan says it belongs to her (it must be him) so is Uganda because they claim it sprung there! Don't laugh, though it is fun, big men are at war over that! I don't see Swaziland and Mozambique fighting over Great Usuthu!

The bone chilling war between Ethiopia and Eritrea is well documented. And in Nigeria, Boko Haram needs no introduction as they are the protagonists in the

theatre of the absurd. In 2012, the world woke up to a coup d'etat of Malian president and this is a country often cited as a model of democracy.

Mauritania and Senegal have always enjoyed hostile relations in border wars.

West Africa has 18 countries, Benin, Burkina Faso, the island of Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, the island of Saint Helena, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sao Tome and Principe and Togo. Of the 18 countries almost 97% have had civil wars. Characters such as Samuel Doe and Charles Taylor of Liberia comes to mind. Who can forget Sani Avacha of Nigeria? Who can forget the chopping of hands in Sierra Leone?

● FRAGILE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Liberia's fragile neighborhood contributed immensely (as it does elsewhere) in the civic strife that culminated to two brutal civil wars. Liberia is bordered by Sierra Leone in the north, Guinea in the east and Cote d'Ivoire in the south.

All her 3 immediate neighbors have had civil wars for many years. Moreover, its other neighbours: Benin, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Togo are not entirely stable.

A fragile neighborhood is prey to war lords and a breeding ground for manufacturing hostilities. With war lords posing as ruling elites in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire, it was easy to offer assistance for personal gains once they assume power.

For instance, Taylor was assisted by Cote d'Ivoire to topple Doe. His support of the warlords in the Sierra Leone got him an ally in the fight against Johnson, his former ally. Johnson had the backing of an unstable neighbor, Guinea, in what became a 3 nation war between Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

East Africa is made up of Kenya, Eritrea, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, Burundi, Seychelles, and Comoros. Amongst the 10, only Tanzania, Seychelles and Comoros can claim stable territories. Kenya's stability has always been threatened by ethnic inspired battles during elections. Of late, its worse threat, is Al-Shabaab, war lords from Somalia, its next door fragile neighbor. Burundi is recovering from shedding blood as Nkurunziza gave himself extra time, disregarding the final whistle from the referee.

In Rwanda, Kagame scored 5 goals during injury time to the shock of the match commissioner! In Uganda, 30 years down the line, Yoweri Museveni, a veteran player, wearing jersey NO 10, has played a number of games as referee, defender, middle fielder and goal scorer and every election year is marked with unrests. Somalia is a failed state gripped by war. In fact, it is not even fit to be called a state as it has dismally failed.

Central Africa has become Africa's security underbelly, depicting tendencies and potential that is worse than the Horn of Africa, which is referred to as more volatile. The Horn of Africa held the mantle, characterised by weak and collapsed states like Somalia, giving rise to a potential Islamic state under the leadership of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU-what a name!) and later, al-Shabaab who became central to the widespread piracy and the kidnapping of foreign nationals.

● PEACE AGENTS

Thus after having studied North, West, Central and East Africa's upheavals, SADC, reflects a finer image in the mirror! In the beauty contest of politics, it takes the crown as a beauty queen! (In comparison though, as it has its own players, who, while playing, flash red cards to spectators) all it needs to do is revisit its initial objectives of regional integration, poverty alleviation, supporting the socially disadvantaged, supporting democratic principles, economic growth, equitable and sustainable development.

Then take advantage of the fact that it still has peace on its side, which must be jealously guarded against, because it is like a glass, once it falls, it gets shattered! And when it gets shattered, it is not easy to mend and even if it mends, it easily gets shattered again! So the summit in the country next month should be a great opportunity for a cessation of hostilities!

ON THIS DAY

...JULY 27

- 1348 Papal bull of Pope Clement VI issued during the Black Death stating Jews not to blame and urging their protection.
- 1785 Congress unanimously resolves US currency named "dollar" and adopts decimal coinage.
- 1885 Louis Pasteur successfully tests an anti-rabies vaccine.
- 1967 Biafran War erupts as Nigerian forces invade starting Nigerian Civil war.
- 1970 California passes first "no fault" divorce law.
- 1877 Composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (37) weds Antonina Miliukova (29) at the Church of Saint George in Moscow, Russia.
- 1893 British Prince George Duke of York (later George V) marries Princess Victoria of Teck (Queen Mary) at St. James's Palace.
- 1953 "James Bond" actor Roger Moore (25) weds Welsh singer Dorothy Squires (38) in Jersey City.
- 1956 Journalist Ben Bradlee (34) weds Antoinette Pinchot.
- 1966 American science fiction writer "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" Philip K Dick marries 4th wife Nancy Hackett.
- 1960 Actress Bette Davis (52) divorces actor Gary Merrill (46) after almost 10 years of marriage.
- 2009 Actress Rachael Bella (25) divorces "Terminator 2" actor Eddie Furlong (31) due to irreconcilable differences after three years of marriage.

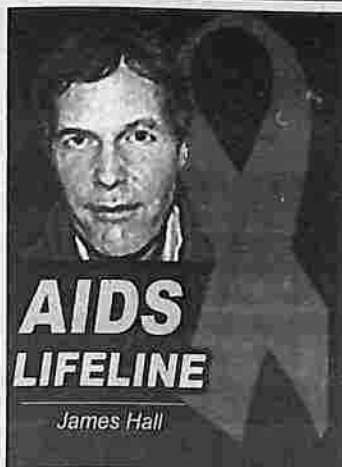
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AIDS LIFELINE
James Hall

SOUTH Africa has embarked on a new initiative to lower that country's sky-high HIV infection rate. Like some of our neighbouring country's health initiatives, this one is worth studying and replicating. The topic is controversial in Swaziland: sex workers.

The ethical dilemma for government is how to provide a programme at taxpayers' expense to a group of people involved in an illegal activity.

South Africa responded on the highest level by placing the public's need to address the AIDS epidemic above all else. No less an official than Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa was brought on board at the initiative launch to show the highest level of commitment. To do nothing is immoral also, because AIDS kills indiscriminately.

Dignity

In short, as Ramaphosa said, "We are affirming the right of all South Africans to life, to dignity, to health."

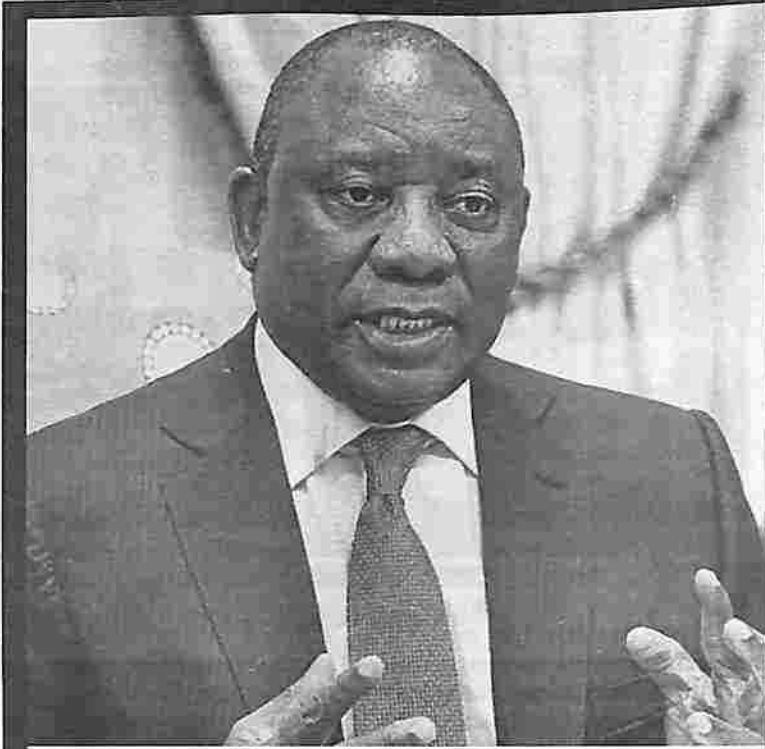
The new initiative is called the South African National Sex Worker HIV Plan. Under the programme, government will give to each participating sex worker a once-daily pill that will reduce their risk of contracting HIV.

The pill is an antiretroviral (ARV) drug consisting of the drugs tenofovir and emtricitabine. The medication is an example of using ARVs to prevent HIV.

This column has reported several times on medical use of ARVs to give to HIV-negative people as a means to block HIV transmission. The pill is not to be used alone. Rather, its use is done in conjunction with other HIV-avoidance methods, such as condom use.

For sex workers who join the programme, a HIV test is administered. Workers who test positive for HIV are put on additional antiretroviral treatment (ART). This is done whether or not the person's

NEW PLAN TO PROTECT SEX WORKERS FROM HIV WORTH EMULATING



COMMITTED: SA Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

CD4 count has fallen below the level in which ART usually begins. A trace of HIV is sufficient for ART to begin.

The reason is that sex workers by definition engage in sex with multiple partners, and are amongst the people most at risk of spreading the disease.

"We launch this plan knowing that our national effort to arrest new HIV infections will not succeed if sex workers are disempowered, marginalised and stigmatised," said Ramaphosa, who has also been chairperson of the South African National AIDS Council since 2014.

To South Africa's Deputy President, the need to provide health services to sex workers is more than a public health matter but is about human rights. As he

said at the programme's launch, "This plan is about human rights.

It is about affirming the equal worth of every person. It is about affirming the right of all South Africans to life, to dignity, to health - regardless of their occupation and regardless of their circum-

stances. This plan is also about public health."

Addressing the thorny issue of using public resources to assist individuals engaged in an illegal activity, he noted, "We cannot reclaim the morality of society by excluding

the most vulnerable among us.

Whatever views individuals may hold about sex work, whatever the statutes may say about the legality of sex work, we cannot deny the humanity and inalienable rights of people who engage in sex work."

Ramaphosa urged that sex workers be viewed as human beings first and foremost. "Like anyone else, they have dreams, customs, beliefs and faith.

They too have mothers, fathers, families and children who love and appreciate them. They have the right to be treated with dignity, the right to their bodily integrity, and the right to say no," he said.

The issue of providing medical relief to a profession that is stigmatised within society has a particular relevance to HIV and AIDS, because of the heavy stigma that has attached itself to being HIV positive.

Stigma

Ramaphosa testified that as chairperson of the South African National Council on AIDS, "I have come to appreciate how stigma continues to impede our country's response to these diseases. I have learnt that many men are refusing to come forward to be tested for HIV and for treatment because of fear and denial."

Overcoming this stigma is a matter of education. For health organisations, education is an ongoing effort. The process takes time, effort and expense but is vital to HIV eradication.

In South Africa, the Ministry of Health wishes to put 90 percent of all people living with HIV on ART.

This cannot be done without including sex workers, and in turn treatment for sex workers requires a holistic approach to the ethical dilemma.

"We need to respond to the legal, social, health and welfare dimensions of sex work in a comprehensive and consistent manner," he said. This is required because the rate of HIV among sex workers is among the highest of any group in the country. As in Swaziland, HIV prevalence rates are three to four times higher among female sex workers than among women in the general population.

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ATTACK: A priest has been butchered by knifemen who cut his throat after bursting into a French church and taking hostages before being shot dead by police



KILLED: The clergyman, Jacques Hamel (pictured), was knifed to death during the attack while another hostage is fighting for their life in hospital.

PRIEST (86) IS 'BEHEADED' BY TWO ISIS KNIFEMEN SHOUTING 'DAESH'

...after they took nuns and worshippers hostage at French church: Police shot both attackers dead then searched for bombs

FRANCE - A priest has been 'beheaded' by two ISIS knifemen who cut his throat after bursting into a French church and taking nuns and worshippers hostage before being shot dead by police.

Five people including the 86-year-old priest, two nuns and two parishioners were held by assailants who raided the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray near Rouen in Normandy at 9am.

The clergyman, named as Jacques Hamel, is believed to have been beheaded during the attack while another hostage is fighting for life in hospital.

The two attackers were 'neutralised' by marksmen as they emerged from the building, which is now being searched for explosives. French president Francois Hollande said the men 'claimed to be from' ISIS while the terror group has claimed responsibility through its news agency.

There were reports the attackers shouted 'Daesh' - an alternative name for ISIS often used by the French government - as they ran into the church while at least one of the men was dressed in Islamic clothing.

Building

It comes as it emerged that the building was one of a number of Catholic churches on a terrorist 'hit list' found on a suspected ISIS extremist last April.

There are also reports that one of the attackers was a local resident who was under electronic tag surveillance having been jailed in France for trying to travel to Syria in 2015. His bail terms allowed him to be unsupervised between 8.30am and 12.30pm - the attack happened between 9am and 11am.

Pope Francis has expressed his 'pain and horror' at the incident with a spokesman saying the Pontiff 'was appalled by the 'barbaric killing'

because it happened in a sacred place. The Archbishop of Canterbury Just Welby said: 'Evil attacks the weakest, denies truth and love, is defeated through Jesus Christ. Pray for France, for victims, for their communities.'

French President Francois Hollande, visiting the scene of the attack, condemned the 'vile terrorist attack' which he said had been carried out by two men who 'claimed to be from Daesh' and insisted France needed to fight the war against ISIS 'by all means'.

The two men held the priest and congregation of four - which included two nuns - hostage for almost an hour before being shot as they emerged on to the courtyard of the church. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry in Paris had earlier said that they had crept into the church via a back entrance during a morning service, soon after 9am. The two men seized the priest, two

sisters from a local order, and two parishioners.

'A third nun escaped and raised the alarm, and anti-terrorists officers were on the scene within minutes,' said a source who lives locally. 'It appears that the priest who was celebrating the service was attacked first, and had his throat cut.'

The area around the church was sealed off, and then armed officers appeared with their weapons. I heard at least a dozen shots.'

The siege officially ended at around 11am, following the shooting of the two attackers.

This morning, security sources said one of the murderers was a convicted terrorist who was meant to be living with his parents with an electronic tag on his ankle.

The revelation - made to the French TV news channel I-Tele - will cause further outrage in a country devastated by constant security failings. **(Daily Mail)**

...KILLING IS LATEST IN SPATE OF BLOODY ATTACKS ACROSS EUROPE

Today's attack is the latest to hit Europe in what has been a year of bloodshed on the continent:

July 24: Festival suicide bombing - A failed Syrian asylum seeker set off an explosive device near an open-air music festival in the southern city of Ansbach that killed himself and wounded a dozen others.

The 27-year-old had spent time in a psychiatric facility, while the regional authorities said an there was 'likely' a jihadist motive for the attack. However a spokesman for the interior ministry later said there was as yet 'no credible evidence' of a link to Islamic extremism.

July 24: Knife attack - A Syrian refugee was arrested after killing a

Polish woman with a large kebab knife at a snack bar in the southwestern city of Reutlingen, in an incident police said did not bear the hallmarks of a 'terrorist attack' and was more likely a crime of passion.

Three people were also injured in the assault, which ended when the 21-year-old assailant was deliberately struck by a BMW driver, believed to be the snack bar owner's son, trying to stop the man.

July 22: Munich mall mass shooting - David Ali Sonboly, 18, shot dead nine people at a Munich shopping mall before turning the gun on himself, having spent a year planning the rampage.

Police said that the German-Iranian was 'obsessed' with mass



MOURNING: People mourn in front of candles and flowers near the Olympia shopping mall in Munich, southern Germany, where an 18-year-old German-Iranian student ran amok on a shooting spree on July 22.

killers like Norwegian right-wing fanatic Anders Behring Breivik and had no links to the Islamic State group.

July 18: Train axe attack - A 17-year-old migrant wielding an axe

and a knife went on a rampage on a regional train, seriously injuring four members of a tourist family from Hong Kong and a German passer-by. **(Daily Mail)**

Wit & Wisdom

1. We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future - **George Bernard Shaw**

2. For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone - **Audrey Hepburn**

3. The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. - **Socrates**

4. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. - **Lao Tzu**

5. Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. - **John Wooden**

6. If you're trying to achieve, there will be road-blocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it - **Michael Jordan**

7. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching - **Satchel Paige**

8. It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. - **Henry David Thoreau**

9. If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. - **Lewis Carroll**

10. Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

11. Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. - **Jim Rohn**

12. It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen. - **John Wooden**

13. Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you. - **John Wooden**

14. A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. - **Nelson Mandela**

15. By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. - **Confucius**

16. The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. - **William Arthur Ward**

17. Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. - **H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

18. A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. - **John C. Maxwell**

19. We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far. - **Swami Vivekananda**

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.5%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 26 July 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.2800	14.3300
British Pound / SZL	18.6925	18.7580
Japanese Yen / SZL	7.2763	7.2997
Swiss Franc / SZL	14.4975	14.5423
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.3223	1.3313
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.7457	10.7862
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.8190	10.8536
Mozambique Metical / SZL	4.6569	4.7334
Euro / SZL	15.7223	15.7773
Gold	1,319.2000	
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Moving Forward

DAIRY IMPORTS SURGE FURTHER TO 69.6m LITRES

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

DESPITE a 13 percent increase in domestic milk production, dairy imports continued to surge from 58.3 million litres in 2014 to 69.6 million litres in 2015.

According to the Swaziland Dairy Board recently released strategic plan 2015-2018 SDB the demand of milk and milk products has continued to increase significantly from the previous years.

SDB said this indicated that the country was among the African countries with the highest consumption per capita of dairy products.

"The domestic consumption for milk and milk products significantly grew by 18.5 percent from 68.94 million litres of Liquid Milk Equivalent (LME) in 2014 to 81.67 million litres in 2015. Domestic production of raw milk increased by 13 percent from 10.64 million litres in 2014 to 12.02 million litres in 2015."

However, SDB said most of the dairy products, about 85 percent of the dairy products consumed in the country came through imports, while only the 15 percent remainder was produced locally.

There are currently five locally processed dairy products which include dairy juice, *emasi*, yoghurt, fresh milk and cream. The majority of the local consumed dairy products are imported.

SDB reported that there were



currently 508 dairy farmers in the industry with a larger portion being smallholder dairy farmers, this represented a 21 percent increase in the number of farmers as compared to 420 farmers in 2013.

Adding, the board said there were a number of challenges affecting the industry at large.

Shortage

Amongst the major problems SDB listed the shortage of fodder due to dry seasons, low viability of small scale dairy projects, inadequate skills especially with labourers, poor distribution or marketing channels, scarcity of dairy animals locally, and haphazard distribution of dairy farmers, climate change, diminishing grazing land and heavy reliance in South Africa for local consumed milk and milk products.

However, the board reported that the industry success hinged

from the growth of local milk production which was mainly attributed to the continued capacity building programmes facilitated by the SDB.

"A majority of farmers have been able to adopt innovative production techniques which have translated to improved production efficiency."

"The indigenous cattle dairy project has taught a number of farmers at grass root level on the benefits and value of dairy farming. The intensive dairy farming training programme facilitated by the board on quarterly basis has resulted in an increase in the number of aspiring entrepreneurs venturing into dairy farming."

Going forward, the board admitted that the local dairy industry remained lucrative, presenting a number of investment opportunities for both domestic and foreign investment.

SDB said the country also has a comparative advantage in agriculture with good climatic conditions and access to both regional and international export markets, while there was little or no industry rivalry in the sector with a few industry players.

"The board strives for a highly competitive dairy industry through the adoption of high tech dairy principles and techniques. These would enable the industry to be highly efficient which will therefore translate to increase domestic milk production," said SDB.

Meanwhile, SDB said the industry would be able to be self sufficient and positively contribute to food security.

"The country currently has an export potential and dairy production can make a significant improvement in the economy's well being."

...SDB ALSO CHANGES TO ASYCUDA WORLD

THE Swaziland Dairy Board will also be changing to ASYCUDA World effective from next month.

This follows shortly after the National Agricultural Marketing Board official announcement to change to the system last week.

In the new arrangement, SDB would issue permits via the ASYCUDA World system.

"As part of this change the approach and manner of issuing and control of permits shall be both electronic and hard copy," said SDB in a statement.

The board has already sent a notice to its stakeholders about the change to be effective in August 1, 2016.

Swaziland Revenue Authority ASYCUDA World went live on February 1, 2016.

The system aims to facilitate trade and improve customer service. It also enables traders to declare their goods online, 24 hours, eliminating tedious paper work.

SDB said they would also work with the Swaziland Revenue Authority on a risk management

and coordinated border management system which include the issue of the ASYCUDA World for issuance and control of all import and export permits for dairy and dairy related products.

Statistics

According to SDB dairy imports statistics, dairy imports included amongst other products, baby formula, cheese, *emasi*, flavoured milk, cream powder, margarine, and yogurt.

According to the Swaziland Dairy Board strategic plan 2015-2018, the board said in the next

three years efforts would be directed at working with government and trade partners in establishing facilitative trade agreements for exporting dairy products to the region.

Amongst the listed stakeholders were the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority, Swaziland Revenue Authority, and other similar government institutions.

"Swaziland Dairy Board's major purpose is to increase the local production of milk and milk equivalents by 60 percent in the next three years."

FINCORP CREDIT DEMAND UP 5.6%

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

DEMAND for credit increased by 5.6 percent at the Swaziland Development Finance Corporation (FINCORP) between January to March 2016.

FINCORP Managing Director Dumisani Msibi said the demand for credit moved from E218.1 million to E231.6 million offered to 3 822 clients. "However during the subsequent quarter starting from April to June 2016 the demand for credit declined to E201.3 million to over 3 400 loan applicants," he said.



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He said there were indications that as interest rates increased, consumers also reduced their level of borrowing. Interest rates increased by 50 basis points during the quarter. "Moreover the recent escalation in inflation also resulted in reduced disposable

income as existing facilities begin to attract higher instalments." Adding, he said the general price increase in basic commodities and foodstuffs largely attributed to the severe drought spell depletes household incomes resulting in reduced capacity to borrow.

Hang on, hope for the best - FESBIC President

THE Federation of the Swazi Business Community President Henry 'Tums' du Pont has urged small and domestic businesses to hang on and hope for the best.

He was referring to the environmental factors faced by small businesses recently, which had been exacerbated by the ongoing drought. "This has been a very difficult year for small and domestic businesses and this is not just an exaggeration, the situation on the ground has been very bad."

However, he urged businesses to hang on and hope for the best.

"The past two years had been very hard due to the drought. However, should rain come most of the tightened belts would loosen and we can then expect things to get back to normal," he said.

The president said the drought did not only affect farm businesses, but even non-farming businesses through water rationing and other subsequent effects.

The long term changes in water supply have also affected food prices, which in turn has affected purchases.

It has also led to an increase in the bank rate, which subsequently increased banks prime

and mortgage rates.

However, in high anticipation on how the country and the Southern African region might be affected by the looming La Nina, the opposite of El Nino, there are huge anticipations that the drought period might come to an end.

Du Pont also urged legislators to be lenient when implementing laws that can affect small and domestic businesses. "This is what His Majesty has been advocating for, and it's not that we are just being cry babies, the past two years have been very difficult."

On another note, the president said they welcomed the Central Bank of Swaziland banking changes, saying they came as a relief to small and domestic businesses.

Following the CBS Regulation of Banking Fees Charges Notice, 2016, effective from July 1, 2016 banking fees and charges for cash deposits were scrapped off.

"It came as a relief, we cannot undermine such changes, I think we are moving in the right direction and we would like to see a more friendly business atmosphere so that small businesses can contribute enormously to economic development."

CONSUMER STATUTE TO CURB UNFAIR PRACTICES

MINISTRY of Commerce, Industry and Trade Principal Secretary, Jinnoh Nkambule, says a presence of an effective consumer statute will reduce incentives by sellers to engage in deceptive conduct and unfair practices.

He said consumer issues were very critical, as they enabled an environment where both sellers and consumers are aware of their rights and duties thus creating a transparent environment. Nkambule was speaking during a workshop for senators on the Fair Trading and Consumer protection Bill and Regulations.

He said the main goal of the workshop was to keep the portfolio committee abreast of all developments in the activities of the Competition Commission as there are concerns for competition law and policy, and consumer protection in the country. The Commission benefitted from the Regional Integration Implementation Support Project which was the

second European Union funding received by the country through the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, for the purposes of Regional Integration.

Nkambule said the project comprised of three components which were; the domestication of the COMESA competition Regulations of 2004, amendment of the Competition Act 2007 and the Competition Regulations of 2010 and amendment of the Fair Trading Act of 2001, and the development of Fair Trading Regulations. "This piece of legislation is very important and could not have come at a better time. As I stand before you, I am a consumer and in actual fact all of us present here today are consumers, this means that this is one of those legislation affecting us all."

According to The Fair Trading and Consumer Protection Bill, 2016 its objective was to bring the law for consumer protection into conformity with COMESA and interna-

tional standards and to increase predictability, efficiency and effectiveness of the enforcement and administration of consumer protection law in Swaziland so as to promote a transparent, efficient and fair consumer marketplace.

Its purpose is to provide for the consolidation and reform of the law on consumer protection, the prohibition of deceptive, unfair and aggres-

sive sales practices, the creation of fair contracts rules, the consolidation of consumer protection enforcement, rulemaking, and administration in the Swaziland Competition Commission, the development and promotion of consumer education, and the prohibition of certain specific market practices that are unfair to consumers amongst other factors.

COMESA CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa has issued a seventh call for submissions under the COMESA Adjustment Facility (CAF).

CAF provides for support to COMESA Fund Member States, to enable them to make the necessary fiscal, economic and social adjustments that inherently accompany the implementation of regional integration commitments.

In a statement COMESA said this current call was the seventh call for submissions and had been made for continued support for eligible countries that have established Regional Integration Implementation Programmes (RIIPs). In August last year the country spent E12 million for the implementation of Regional Integration Support Project.

"The objective of the seventh call for submissions is to invite member states, already implementing RIIPs, approved under previous calls for submission, to submit progress monitoring reports against performance of 2015 targets," said COMESA.

The CAF currently has funds under the Regional Integration Support Mechanism (RISM), a programme funded by the European Union (EU) under the tenth European Development Fund (EDF).

COMESA said the specific objective of RISM was to support member countries to participate more in the COMESA, EAC and Tripartite Free Trade Areas and COMESA and

EAC Customs Unions and Common Market, with minimum disruption to public expenditure commitments, as well as enabling them to implement economic reform programmes in the context of regional integration.

"Six calls for submissions have been launched from the time the CAF became fully operational and have provided different levels of financial and technical support to the member states."

COMESA said the financing modalities, under which each member state would be eligible to receive RISM financial support in 2016, would be determined by the EU at the point of assessment of the submissions and at the point of disbursement.

"The COMESA Secretariat will provide the necessary guidance to Member States about their respective eligible status when the EU provides its assessment."

COMESA said the seventh call for submissions was also made to allow participating member states that currently have less than three targets in 2016 to revise their performance assessment frameworks.

"This will ensure a sufficient level of ambition in progressing with regional integration at the national level. Where a member state does not revise its target and has less than three targets in 2016, the eighth call for submissions to be launched in 2017 will not be extended to that country," said COMESA.



DAIRY CATTLE FARMING COURSE

Dairy Cattle owners, keepers and aspiring individuals are kindly invited to attend a dairy farming training course to be held at the Board's Conference Room at Enguleni House, Manzini. The course will commence on the 2 August 2016 and run for eight (8) weeks. Selected days for training are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week starting at 5:30pm till 7:00pm.

The training is set out to cover the following topics:

WEEK	
1	Introduction by Dairy Cattle Farmer
2	Requirements and Preparations for Starting a Dairy Project
3	Fodder Production
4	Dairy Cattle Feeding
5	Dairy Cattle Breeding
6	Calf Rearing
7	Clean Milk Production
8	Legal Issues
9	Disease Prevention and Control
10	Business Plan Preparation and Business Management
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GORDHAN WORRIES ABOUT DOWNGRADE, 0% GROWTH



JOHANNESBURG – South Africa can achieve 1.5% growth, but that is not enough, according to Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

Speaking at the EY and Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) business breakfast in Sandton on Tuesday, Gordhan highlighted the importance of achieving inclusive

WORRIES: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

growth. Gordhan has recently returned from the first National Development Bank (NDB) Annual General Meeting held in Shanghai, China, last week.

"The country is sitting at 0.58% of GDP and needs to hit 1.5% as a target," said Gordhan.

Within the short term the government and the private sector need to work to keep the economy above 0% and avoid a credit downgrade in December. Once that is done, the country can focus on what needs to

be done afterwards," said Gordhan. Improving infrastructure is crucial for the development of South Africa and the African continent. It encourages investment and creates job opportunities, he said.

Investments by companies and the government need to meet the 30% target of the National Development Plan, it is currently at 20%, said Gordhan.

"We need to develop trust, confidence, dynamism and collective thinking for investment."

Stabilising debt, fiscal consolidation and generating economic growth are not the end goals for a country - institutions need to find a way to connect the greater population to the economic and social development.

"There are more losers than winners. The winners take care of themselves and the losers are left on their own," said Gordhan. This is opposite to the values set out in the Constitution which promotes inclusivity.

Gordhan drew analysis from various G20 reports which seek to promote inclusive growth. This includes promoting trade and investment. "The world is becoming protectionist... Protectionism is useful in some instances but it can be destructive in other instances," he said. We need to get the balance right between openness and managing protection. *Fin24*

JSE glitch 'deeply embarrassing'

JOHANNESBURG – An unprecedented error by South Africa's stock exchange had everyone from stock analysts to economists and the central bank re-assessing two whole months of data on the country's investment flows.

About R70.2 billion (\$4.9 billion) of net share purchases by foreign investors during a record run in May and June were, in fact, R36.4 billion of sales, JSE Ltd said late on Sunday. The company, which owns and operates the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, Africa's biggest, said the mistake was caused by a programming error and it was taking "immediate steps" to avoid a recurrence.

"It's embarrassing for them," George Glynos, managing director and chief economist at ETM Analytics, said by phone from Johannesburg on Monday. "It changes the way we interpret the movements of the market. The correction makes a lot more sense to me than what we were seeing previously because it was very difficult to reconcile the performance of the JSE with all these hordes and hordes of inflows that we were supposedly seeing."

The error came against a backdrop of large capital flows into emerging markets, which strengthened after developed-nation policy makers pledged more stimulus to avoid a global economic slowdown after the UK's vote to leave the European Union, prompting investors to seek higher yields elsewhere. So far in July, non-residents have been net buyers of about R50 million of South African stocks, not R27.9 billion as previously recorded, JSE said. *IOL*



BUSINESS AREA: Shoppers sit in front of a clothing store at a shopping district in Seoul, South Korea, yesterday. South Korea's economic growth has improved during the second quarter thanks to stronger private consumption and increased housing construction. (AP)

Calm down, there's no import ban - Zim

HARARE – The Zimbabwean ministry of industry and commerce says importers into the country are permitted to trade, but it is crucial that they first apply for import licences.

Speaking to The Citizen, Industry and Commerce Minister Mike Bimha said the control of the import of goods as per the Statutory Instrument 64 of 2016 was not a ban, as reported by the media. He said it was rather intended to regulate the

import of certain goods.

Bimha said the move was to encourage people to support local businesses and promote the production of goods within Zimbabwe, leading to the creation of job opportunities.

In what was believed to have contributed hugely to the recent spate of riots in the country, the Zimbabwean government had reportedly banned the import of certain goods from South Africa as part of President Robert Mugabe's plan to promote

domestic trade. The effect of the limits on trade have turned the border town of Musina into a "ghost town", according to reports.

However, Bimha said: "We are not banning, it's an import regulation. If you have a licence, you can import. This does not apply to those bringing goods for personal consumption. What people bring in for individual consumption is catered for administratively by the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority. *Citizen*

SAA requires a whole new board - Gordhan

CAPE TOWN – Yesterday Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said South African Airways (SAA) requires a whole new board.

Speaking at the EY and Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) business breakfast in Sandton yesterday, Gordhan said SAA needs an experienced management team.

In response to a question posed by investigator Paul O'Sullivan about quelling corruption at SAA, Gordhan said the new board and management team could include existing members and "new blood".

A turnaround strategy should be implemented for the airline to be able to continue. "We will continue to find answers to the challenges at the moment," he said.

"We must do political homework to get credible people on board."

People with the right skills balance can take the airline's development upward, he said. His statement comes as the stalemate between Gordhan and SAA board chairperson Dudu Myeni is rapidly driving SAA to total collapse, according to the Democratic Alliance on Monday.

This has resulted in Gordhan requesting extensions of the deadline for tabling of SAA's annual report for 2014/15 on 15 February, 15 March, 29 April and yet again on 7 July - this time to 15 September 2016. SAA has received a number of government bailouts worth at least R14.4bn as part of its turnaround strategy, but Gordhan warned in January the carrier cannot become a liability on the fiscus. *Fin24*

MARA DELTA LOOKS TO MOZAMBIQUE

JOHANNESBURG – Mara Delta, the JSE-listed property fund previously known as Delta Africa, reported yesterday that it was looking into investing a further \$110 million (R1.6 billion) into Mozambique.

The fund, which claims to be the first multi-listed property fund to offer international property investors direct access to immediate high growth opportunities in Africa outside of South Africa, said



the proposed investment would be for the acquisition of an additional four properties and the second stage development of its Anadarko building.

The company has since 2014 invested in six commercial properties in Mozambique,

collectively valued at \$160m, including the Anadarko, Hollard and Vodacom buildings in Maputo.

Greg Pearson, the head of developments at Mara Delta, said they were confident of the long-term growth prospects in Mozambique and the challenges the country faced were not unique to emerging economies and they were continuously engaging with the Banco de Mozambique on these matters. *IOL*

Mining sector posts poor results

JOHANNESBURG – The mining sector is still posting depressed results as it tries to work around poor commodity prices.

South Africa's Anglo American Platinum saw a 58 percent decline in first-half profit.

The miner's earnings fell to just over R1-billion, a far cry from the R2.5-billion in the same period last year. Amplats had already flagged to the market that

it expected earnings to fall by between 50 and 70 percent.

Anglo American plans to cut 1 000 jobs at its Union Mine. A number of employees have left through voluntary separation packages, early retirement and redeployment. *eNCA*



POOR: The mining sector is still posting depressed results as it tries to work around poor commodity prices.

TELKOM HIKES CEO SIPHO MASEKO'S PAY TO R14M

JOHANNESBURG - Telkom has given its chief executive officer Siphon Maseko a pay boost amid the company's strong financial performance under his watch.

Telkom's latest integrated report for 2016 reveals that Maseko's total remuneration has jumped from R12.5m in 2015 to R14.5m for the year ended March 2016.

The report highlights that Maseko's guaranteed pay package for the period was R7.4m while his short-term incentive

was R5.1m and his fringe benefits were R2.1m.

Maseko's total pay is still much less than that of his industry peers such as the likes of Vodacom CEO Shameel Jossy's total pay for the company's 2015 financial year was R21.8m.

Meanwhile, Telkom's group chief financial officer, Leon Fraynicks, received total pay of R9.1m for the year ended March 2016, up from R8.7m in 2015. His guaranteed package was R5.2m while his short-term incentive pay was R3.7m and his fringe benefits were R0.2m.

The boost in these two top executives' pay comes amid solid financial performances by the company.

For the year ended March 2016, the telco said that its earnings before interest, tax and amortisation (EBITA) was up by 16.1% to R37.3bn, reported Ebitda margin of 29.3%. Operational revenue increased 3.9% to R37.3bn, the company reported earlier this year. *Fin24*

BOOS: Telecoms network Telkom CEO Siphon Maseko



BP logs \$1.4bn loss, draws line under oil disaster

LONDON - BP said another net loss in the second quarter that has now drawn a line under the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster, the British energy giant said yesterday.

The company posted a loss after taxation of \$1.4bn for the three months to June, which however compared with a far larger loss of \$5.8bn for the second quarter of 2015. BP also booked a net post-tax operating charge of \$2.8bn for costs linked to the oil disaster. BP included a pre-tax non-operating charge of \$5.2bn.

The energy major had already revealed earlier this month that the final cost for the spill stood at \$61.6bn, including the latest second-quarter bill.

BP added that this year's capital expenditure was now expected to fall below \$17bn.

"We are very pleased to have finally drawn a line under the material liabilities for Deepwater Horizon," said chief executive Bob Dudley in the results statement.

"We will always be mindful of what we have learned from that tragic accident. BP today is a stronger, more focused and a more disciplined company."

"We continue to actively develop a strong, balanced portfolio and are managing the business value over volume."

"Our relentless group-wide focus on capital and cost discipline is helping BP to become much more efficient while maintaining the investment needed for future growth."

Back in 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig killed 11 men off the coast of Louisiana and caused 800 million litres of oil to spew into Gulf waters. *Fin24*



NEW WHEELS: The logo of Hyundai Motor Co. is seen on a vehicle displayed at the company's showroom in Seoul, South Korea, yesterday. Hyundai Motor Co. says its second-quarter income fell from a year earlier for a tenth straight quarter. (AP)

Court asked for independent probe of Lewis execs, practices

CAPE TOWN - An independent third party should investigate the affairs of Lewis, Lewis Stores and Monarch Insurance to determine whether certain directors of Lewis should be declared delinquent in terms of the Companies Act.

This is what Dave Woolam, a director of Summit Financial Partners, says the Western Cape High Court to do in its answering affidavit in an application brought by Lewis regarding the demand to have certain directors declared delinquent.

In his answering affidavit Woolam provides what he deems to be proof of mismanagement by certain directors of Lewis over the past few years. In Woolam's view, if these directors were not declared delinquent, Lewis will continue what he regards to be a course to

becoming a failed company. At the beginning of this year the directors of Lewis Group received a letter of demand from Woolam to declare four of its directors, including the CEO, delinquent.

In the letter Woolam, who holds shares in Lewis, demanded that the firm's retailer commence with proceedings to declare CEO John Enslin, chief financial officer Les Davies, chair David Nurek and non-executive director Hilton Seven delinquent in terms of the provisions of Section 168, and with Section 162, of the Companies Act.

The demand related, among others to Lewis charging customers a cost of loss of employment insurance, which the company claimed was mistakenly sold to them. *Fin24*

R617m tax breather boosts Kumba's profits as CEO resigns

CAPE TOWN - A R617m tax breather boosted Anglo American's iron ore unit Kumba, which posted a record earnings per share (EPS) rise of 20% to R3bn.

The company said in a statement yesterday that this rise in EPS was due to the derecognition of a once-off R617m tax write-down in the first half of 2015.

The company said operating profit margin increased by 1% and a 1.1% decline in revenue for the six months period ended 30 June.

As part of its position to strengthen its balance sheet and continued market volatility and uncertain outlook, Kumba decided not to declare an interim 2016 dividend. At 12:00, Kumba was trading 3.9% down at R101.58, having started the day

at R106.50 on the JSE. "Earnings were impacted by lower realised iron ore export prices, which weakened by 10% to an average of \$55/tonne, partially offset by the favourable impact of a 29% weakening of the rand against the dollar," it said. Kumba highlighted its improving operating free cash flow, which was up 18% to R6.7bn. "Capital and cost discipline remains fundamental to our business model as we move forward in the uncertain and volatile landscape," it said. "The transformation in our cost base has provided us with a reasonable uplift to our operating margin to 28%."

Mining dropped 35% and sales volumes dropped 22% compared to the first half of 2015 in line with Kumba's new production configuration at Sishen. *Fin24*

AB InBev sweetens its offer for SABMiller to R1.48 trillion

LONDON - Anheuser-Busch (AB) InBev raised its bid for SABMiller to R1.48tn, responding to investor concerns about the deal's structure after the UK's vote to exit the European Union prompted a slump in sterling.

SABMiller shareholders will be entitled to receive 145 (R413.99) a share. AB InBev said in a statement yesterday, from R44 (R82.20) previously.

AB InBev also increased the amount of cash for shareholders who choose a cash-and-stock alternative. They will now receive about £4.6bn in cash compared with £3.78 previously. That offer, valued at about £3.9 a share when the acquisition was announced last year, had surged to more than £50 a share on Monday. With the increased cash, it's now worth about £50.14 a share.

"The raised offer shows how much AB InBev wants to complete the deal," Duncan Fox, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence, said by phone.

By raising the offer, the world's biggest brewer addressed concerns from investors regarding Elliott Management and Davidson Kempner Capital Management that the deal was less attractive in the wake of the pound's fall.

SABMiller chairman Jan du Plessis said last week that the board would wait until Chinese regulators approved the takeover before weighing the deal's terms. SABMiller's board had unanimously recommended the offer from the maker of Budweiser beer, in what would be the industry's biggest-ever deal. The shares closed on Monday at R44.40. The new cash-and-stock alternative is at R58.88 per share plus 0.449869 restricted shares for every SABMiller share. That value doesn't include a discount for the fact that the stock issued in the deal can't be traded for five years, AB InBev said. *Fin24*



Focus on SA scene

FIRE SABC JOURNALISTS REINSTATED BY LABOUR COURT

JOHANNESBURG - The court has found that SABC journalists fired by the national broadcaster need to be reinstated to their jobs with immediate effect.

Trade union Solidarity took up the cause of four of the eight fired journalists.

These journalists challenged the state broadcaster's decision to fire the group when they failed to abide by a new editorial policy, claiming it amounted to censorship. That policy has already had to be withdrawn following a successful challenge by the Helen Suzman Foundation and a decision by regulator ICASA.

The case was heard by Judge Robert LeGrange following a postponement on Friday as a result of the SABC failing to file answering affidavits on time.

Foeta Krige, Suna Venter, Krivani Pillay and Jacques Steenkamp filed an urgent application to have their dismissals by the SABC set aside by the Labour Court.

The judge found that no disciplinary actions against them would be legal, and could not take place. He interdicted the SABC from taking any action against the journalists.

Yesterday morning's ruling is yet another legal setback to the SABC with chief operating officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng at the helm. The SABC will also have to write a motivation in the form of an affidavit for why it should not be held liable for its staff's legal costs.



SOLIDARITY: Protesters support journalists outside the SABC in Auckland Park.

The SABC has not yet indicated whether it intends to appeal the decision.

At a press conference afterwards, Solidarity's deputy general secretary called it a "solid win, a six-love win" because the censorship instruction was ruled illegal, as were the suspensions/firings.

Hermann added that they were most pleased that the SABC was given only five days to demonstrate why it should not be held liable for the legal costs. He continued with the tennis metaphor by saying it was "game, set match". He called it a triumph of democracy over Hlaudi Motsoeneng. He praised the journalists for their willingness to pay a high price to combat the unlawful actions of their employer.

Hermann said the SABC should have withdrawn all actions against

its union members immediately following the anti-SABC ICASA ruling.

"We are not in a power-based democracy, but a constitutional democracy. Power does not overcome constitutional and judicial principles. One can only run away from the rule of law for so long ... constitutional values should be an integral part of a person, and it should not be necessary to go to court to ensure it.

"This win has implications for Motsoeneng ... a strategic battle has indeed been won, but the war must still be won."

He lauded all eight fired journalists and said they had become the symbol of what Solidarity and those supporting its legal challenge stood for.

Citizen

Eskom warns of hiking electricity demand

JOHANNESBURG - Eskom has warned that it expects electricity demand to increase sharply due to the cold front engulfing parts of the country, but said there was "no chance" of load-shedding.

Eskom spokesperson, Khulu Phasiwe, told ANA on Monday that demand had risen sharply as people were trying to keep warm using electric appliances and other means.

"Electricity demand is expected to rise sharply this evening and over the next few days due to the cold weather conditions, but Eskom does have adequate power supply to meet the demand," Phasiwe said.

"We urge customers across the nation to continue to use electricity efficiently in order to reduce pressure on the power grid."

The weather service has fore-

cast continued snow in the mountains and the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands while heavy rains were forecast along the coast. KwaZulu-Natal has been hit with inclement weather as snow and freezing conditions struck many of the province's inland towns, while coastal cities have been deluged.

Parts of the Eastern Cape were engulfed in heavy snowfall, leaving some major roads closed to

traffic in small towns including Queenstown, Jamestown,

Aliwal North,

Burgersdorp, Mount Fletcher and Cala. The Western Cape Disaster Management Centre has warned that rain storms, flooding, gale-force winds and high seas with waves of up to six metres were expected in the province. The weather across the country was expected to start clearing today.

Africa News Agency



Second woman goes missing in KZN storm

Durban - A 62-year-old Durban woman went missing while driving home in torrential rain on Monday night.

Brenda Scriven's car was found washed off a road in Glen Anil. She had left work in south Durban after 16:00 and could not

be reached on her phone. She is the second woman reported missing after torrential rain hit parts of KwaZulu-Natal.

Her daughter Lindy Swales told News24 they became frantic when she failed to return home.

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Vuwani residents vow to block municipal elections

POLOKWANE - A constitutional crisis was looming in Limpopo as Vuwani residents vowed to block the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) from holding the 2016 Municipal Elections in the violence-troubled area.

This after endless secret meetings - aimed at resolving the ongoing crisis - collapsed with no agreement reached as protesting residents rejected government's offer.

The government had proposed that Vuwani residents must stop the shut-down and allow the election process to take place in affected wards.

However, last Friday, residents warned their traditional leaders that if they sign the agreement, they will not be representing the communities.



Vuwani and surrounding areas have been shut down to business and government activities including schooling in April after losing a high court bid to remain under the Makhado municipality.

As a result, more than 24 schools were set on fire and government properties damaged during the protest which saw matric pupils in the area sent to study camps.

They had approached the high court to nullify the Municipal

Demarcation Board's decision that encompassed them under new Limpopo municipal entity to include Malamulele.

Community leader Nsovo Sambo said it remain community decision not to participate on upcoming elections.

"We still stand by our decision, we are not going to vote," said Sambo. The IEC failed to register voters

during voter's registration period earlier this year as protesters shut down and barred Voters Registration.

IEC provincial chair Nkaro Mateta said the threats by residents of Vuwani has potential constitutional crisis and will also affect local district establishment.

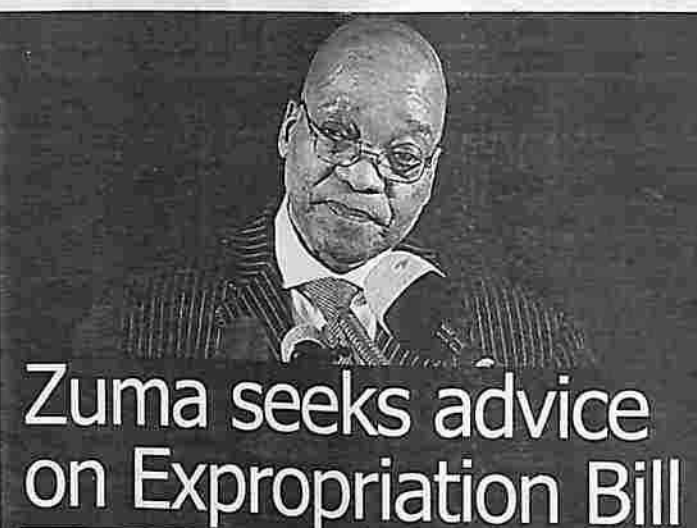
"If they don't vote, it will mean that the new entity could not be established because of outstanding wards, we could go on by-election after 90 days," said Mateta.

"If that also fail we may have to approach parliament for constitutional amendment, and that may cause a constitutional crisis and delay," said Mateta.

The new entity has 27 wards and 14 are part of areas disputing MDB decision and declared that they will stay away.

According to Local Government Act and IEC's statutes, each local municipality is expected to forward PR councillors to the district.

Africa News Agency



Zuma seeks advice on Expropriation Bill

PRETORIA - Zuma has requested the Speaker of the National Assembly and the chairperson of the National Council of Provinces to advise him on the process followed by Parliament in passing the Expropriation Bill.

The bill was passed by Parliament and has been referred to Zuma for approval. It provides for the expropriation of property for a public purpose or in the

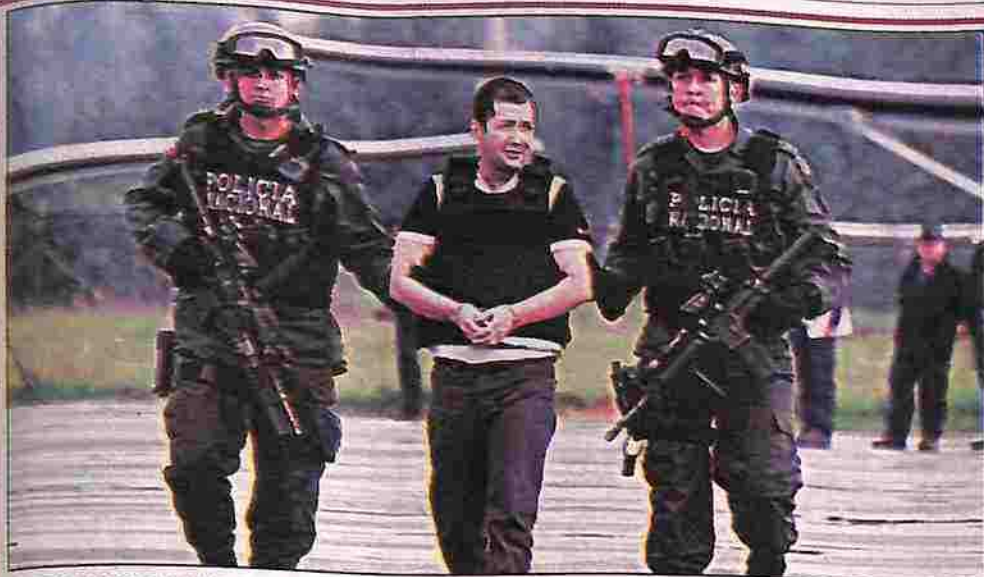
public interest.

However, many individuals and various organisations have petitioned against the bill's signing.

They say there wasn't adequate public discussions prior to its adoption.

The DA has called on the president to send the bill back for MPs to re-assess and rework it. They believe that it could hurt the economy and result in greater job losses.

eNCA



EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY: Colombian, Daniel Barrera Barrera, described as one of history's biggest cocaine dealers was sentenced to 35 years in prison on Monday by a Manhattan judge who called the scope of his crimes 'staggering'. The sentence included a \$10 million forfeiture and a \$10 million fine. Barrera managed to launder tens of millions of dollars of profits as he processed about 5 000 kilograms of raw cocaine into cocaine powder each month since 1998. (Daily Mail)



WORLD'S BIGGEST COCAINE DEALER 'LOCO' SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS

...after burning off his own fingerprints and getting plastic surgery to evade trial in Colombia

COLOMBIA - A Colombian drug kingpin was sentenced on Monday to 35 years in a US prison for engaging in a multi-million dollar scheme to manufacture hundreds of tons of cocaine that he trafficked throughout the world.

Daniel Barrera Barrera, also known as 'Loco' or 'The Madman', was sentenced by US District Judge Gregory Woods in Manhattan after pleading guilty to various narcotic-related charges and to having conspired to engage in money laundering.

Smart

Woods, who also fined Barrera \$10 million and ordered him to forfeit the same amount, called the Colombian national a "smart, talented, maybe even gifted man" who went from working as a farm hand to heading a violent drug trafficking organisation.

"Simply put, the scope of the offense here is staggering," Woods said.

Speaking through a Spanish translator before the sentence was imposed, Barrera said he wanted the opportunity to be released from prison someday and see his grandchildren.

"I ask for my family's forgiveness for all of the suffering I have caused them," he said.

According to authorities, Barrera, 48, had been one of the most prolific drug traffickers of the last two decades before his capture in Venezuela in 2012 following years in hiding.

Mask

A wealth of evidence was collected against the cosmetically enhanced drug lord, who had several plastic surgeries and tried to burn off his fingerprints with acid to mask his identity.

Evidence against Barrera included photographs and other documents related to the seizures of cocaine shipments off the coasts of Venezuela and Florida.

Prosecutors said that from 1998 to 2010, Barrera ran a cocaine manufacturing and trafficking syndicate that produced an estimated 5 000 kilograms of cocaine a month, resulting in more than 720 tons of cocaine being produced during the scheme.

Barrera bought raw cocaine paste from the leftist rebel group FARC and processed it in laboratories in areas controlled by a now-demobilised paramilitary group, the

United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, authorities said.

The drug empire generated tens of millions of dollars, which Barrera laundered, and protected by dozens of armed guards and enforcers, many of whom at his direction threatened or killed individuals who owed money or posed a threat, prosecutors said.

Traffickers

He conspired with others to distribute cocaine "knowing and intending" that some would be imported into the United States.

The U.S. Treasury Department in March 2010 put Barrera on its list of most-wanted Colombian narcotics traffickers. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has called Barrera "the last of the great capos." He was arrested in September 2012 in Venezuela.

He was then sent to Colombia, where the US pursued his extradition where he faced three separate indictments in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Miami. Venezuelan officials say they confiscated houses, ranches, a yacht, apartments and 48 cars from Barrera, US authorities said.



NO EVIDENCE: The Colombian drug lord had several plastic surgeries and even tried to burn off his fingerprints with acid to mask his identity.

Violence

Ruben Oliva, Barrera's lawyer, in court called the sentence 'unreasonable and greater than necessary.'

He had sought leniency given that his client attempted to cooperate with authorities, including offering information to locate a FARC bomb maker and by encouraging

other drug traffickers to surrender.

But Assistant US Attorney Soumya Dayananda said authorities declined to extend any cooperation agreement to Barrera.

"The magnitude of the defendant's violence and drug trafficking outweighed any cooperation he could provide," she said.



LIVING LARGE: Around 48 cars were confiscated by authorities who took over Barrera's assets after his arrest. Barrera owned a number of homes in Colombia and they have all been seized by the authorities.

BRIEFS

'You cannot shoot a hashtag'

HARARE - The Zimbabwean pro-democracy movement #ThisFlag recently released a new video criticising the government's crackdown on free media. The video has already been viewed 71000 times on Facebook. "The weapons of old will not work now because you cannot shoot a hashtag," the narrator warns in the video. Previous #ThisFlag videos feature Zimbabwean pastor Evan Mawarire, the man who accidentally sparked the movement, filming himself while speaking about the dire situation in Zimbabwe. *Timeslive*

Govt bans personal lubricants

TANZANIA - Ummy Mwalimu, the health minister in Tanzania has put to ban personal lubricants ('lube') in the country in the hope men will be less inclined to sleep with each other. "I have instructed stakeholders working with gay people to remove the products from the market," she told local media. Besides encouraging homosexuality Mwalimu believes lube to be to blame for HIV infections in the country. About 5% are infected in Tanzania. *AllAfrica*

Africa's economic growth slumps

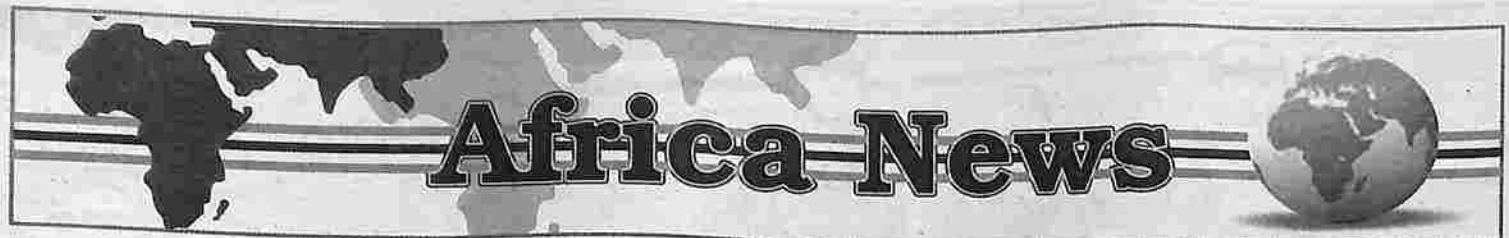
JOHANNESBURG - Economic growth across the continent remains resilient but figures are likely to come in at their lowest in five years. This is according to EY's Africa attractiveness survey. Although foreign direct investment (FDI) projects fell, foreign direct capital investment into the continent surged. The EY survey saw over 500 global business leaders, in over 30 countries, give their views on the potential of the African market. It reports that although Africa faces a lower growth forecast, the continent remains resilient. Sub-Saharan Africa will still experience the second highest economic growth rate in the world this year. *eNCA*

Buhari scraps N3 Billion project

LAGOS - The Muhammadu Buhari administration may have cancelled its plan to build a massive film village in Kano State, following social media outcry and opposition from Muslim clerics, reported the BBC. More than N3 billion was budgeted for the project as part of the government's efforts to improve the Hausa language film industry known as Kannywood. *AllAfrica*

'Ring' reduces HIV infection by 75 %

Africa - New exploratory data from a study done to ascertain the effectiveness of a vaginal ring in preventing HIV infection in women has shown that its monthly use could actually reduce the risk of contracting HIV by up to 75 percent, delegates attending the 21st International Conference on Aids underway in Durban heard last Thursday. *AllAfrica*



PASTOR ARRESTED FOR CHAINING SON

LAGOS - A Nigerian pastor has been arrested after chaining his nine-year-old son in a room for several weeks with a padlock and denying him food, police said on Monday.

"We acted on a tip-off that a boy had been locked up in a room near a church at Atan in Ogun state. We forced the door open and rescued him," state police spokesman Muyiwa

Adejobi told AFP. He said the boy was found chained to the ground with a padlock in a room on Friday. "He was in a very bad shape, greatly emaciated because of poor feeding. The boy told us his father was not giving him food regularly and that he had been locked up in the room for over one month," Adejobi said.

"It is shocking and baffling that a man who claims to be a man of

God could be involved in a such a barbaric and inhuman act," he added. He said the pastor (40) told investigators that he locked up his son to perform a ritual intended to stop him from stealing. "The man said his son was always stealing his things and to stop the habit, he needed to chain him with lock so that he would not run away," he said.

AFP



Zimbabwe government to grab Mujuru mine

HARARE - The Zimbabwean government intends to repossess a diamond mine that belongs to the family of former vice-president and political rival Joice Mujuru.

Limpopo Mining Resources has an 80% stake in River Ranch Limited, and the remaining 20% is owned by Khupukile Resources.

Khupukile Resources was owned by army general Solomon Mujuru, once a close ally of President Robert Mugabe who later became the centre of succession politics in Zanu-PF. He died in a

mysterious fire at Beatrice Farm in Mashonaland East. His wife, Joice, now leads rival party Zimbabwe People First (Zim PF) after she was expelled for allegedly planning a palace coup against Mugabe. "In the case of River Ranch, government has taken a position that diamond mining is a preserve of the government," said Mines Minister Walter Chidhamba at a mining conference last week. This does not come as a surprise for Joice, who, at the weekend addressing a Zim PF rally in Marondera, claimed government officials

would go out of their way to block multimillion-dollar projects if they did not get kick-backs. In February, after Mugabe made startling revelations that the government could have lost \$15-billion in diamond revenue to unscrupulous miners and dealers, the state moved to take over mining activities in the Chiadzwa and Marange diamond fields of Manicaland. All mines in the area were consolidated into one company, Zimbabwe Consolidated Mining Company.

Timeslive

Fire kills dozens at Madagascar house-warming party

ANTANANARIVO - A fire during a house-warming party in central Madagascar on Saturday night killed 38 people including 16 children as the blaze ripped through a thatched roof, police said on Monday.

The victims were trapped inside the house in Ambalavato village of Ikalamavony district in the rural centre of the Indian Ocean island.

The party-goers, including several relatives of the house owner, were celebrating the renovation of the house.

"Of the 39 people in the house, 38 were killed, including 16 children," Herilalaitiana Andrianarivosona, spokesman for the police, told AFP, adding that the fire was an accident. *AFP*

87 bodies wash up on Libya beach

TRIPOLI - The number of bodies of migrants recovered on a Libyan beach since the weekend has risen to 87, a media official from the coastal city of Sabratha said on Monday.

The bodies began washing up on the city's beach west of Tripoli on Friday, the official said.

On Saturday, 41 bodies were found by a group of volunteers trained by the city council and sent to a morgue for DNA testing before being buried.

The rest were found over the weekend, the official added. Illegal migration from Libya booms in the summer months when the Mediterranean is generally calm and traffickers pack unsafe boats with migrants desperate to start a new life in Europe.

AFP



HEAVY RAINS: A woman is missing and presumed drowned after her car was swept off a low lying bridge in Silverglen, Chatsworth. (News24)

Al-Shabab bombs target African Union troops

SOMALIA - At least 13 people were killed when two vehicles packed with explosives went off as they were driven towards a base for African Union troops in the Somali capital, according to officials and witnesses.

The first blast happened near an entrance to the base, which is beside Mogadishu's main airport, and the second at a nearby check-

point manned by Somali government forces.

White smoke could be seen billowing over the city after the blast yesterday.

"Thirteen people died in the two suicide vehicle explosions," Abdifatah Omar Halane, spokesman for Banadir administration, the local government, told Al Jazeera by phone from the

scene of the blasts.

"Nine of the dead were security for the UN and three were civilians.

Five people were also injured in the explosions," Abdifatah added, not giving details of the thirteenth death.

A journalist at the scene said ambulances were ferrying the wounded to hospital.

The al-Shabab armed group told Al Jazeera it was responsible for the attack.

"Our Mujahideen targeted Halane which is base to the foreign forces occupying our Muslim country. We have killed dozens of them," Abdulaziz Abu Muscab, a spokesman for the group, said.

AllAfrica



World News

MICHELLE OBAMA, SANDERS SAY 'THEY'RE WITH HILLARY'

PHILADELPHIA – Democratic power players Michelle Obama and Bernie Sanders offered contrasting heartfelt and hard-headed endorsements of Hillary Clinton on Monday, imploring a riven and feisty party convention to unite to stop Donald Trump.

As polls showed Trump ahead of Clinton in the race to the White House, the first lady wowed the Philadelphia crowd as she impeached Trump's behaviour and hailed the inspirational power of possibly having a first female US president.

From Sanders, Clinton's vanquished primary rival, there was a much more pragmatic embrace. "Based on her ideas and her leadership," Clinton was a better choice than Trump and "must become the next president of the United States", he said.

The opening day of the four-day convention in Philadelphia



FULL SUPPORT: US first lady Michelle Obama and Bernie Sanders offered contrasting heartfelt and hard-headed endorsements of Hillary Clinton

was dominated by boos and jeers from disgruntled Sanders supporters almost every time Clinton's name was mentioned.

Sanders had called on his supporters to get behind the Democratic nominee twice on Monday before his prime-time endorsement speech.

That included a text message sent to supporters asking them not to protest on the floor of the convention as a "personal courtesy" to him.

But Sanders' self-styled "political revolution" appeared to have transformed into a revolt.

Sanders himself was booed by

some sections of the audience when he told the crowd: "Hillary Clinton will make an outstanding president and I am proud to stand with her tonight."

As the boos and chants of "Bernie! Bernie!" continued inside the convention hall throughout the evening, Sanders protesters outside tried to breach security barriers, leading to 54 people being briefly detained and fined \$50 (R715) each.

"Clinton can't beat Trump. Period," said Michigan delegate Melissa Arab, a Sanders supporter. "A ham sandwich could beat Trump and she's not going to beat him. If she's nominated, people are going to end up with somebody bad for president."

Hoping to poach some of Sanders' supporters, Trump tweeted: "Bernie Sanders totally sold out to Crooked Hillary Clinton. All of that work, energy and money, and nothing to show for it! Waste of time." *News24*

China, North Korea envoys hold talks in Laos

VIENTIANE – North Korea's new top envoy sat down with his Chinese counterpart on Monday with relations between the secretive state and its historic benefactor on edge as Pyongyang stubbornly pursues its internationally condemned nuclear programme.

Foreign Minister Ri Yong-Ho, a career diplomat and party princeling, was making his first appearance at a major diplomatic gathering in his new role in the capital of fellow communist Laos.

Washington's top diplomat John Kerry also held talks with linchpin ally South Korea in Vientiane, with both sides describing relations as closer than ever in the face of Pyongyang's sabre-rattling.

"This is the right time for us to send out a very clear and strong message to North Korea that our alliance is stronger, deeper and broader than ever," Seoul's Foreign Minister Yun Byung-Se after a sit-down with Kerry.

Little emerged from Ri's meeting with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi.

"The meeting was held as part of the two countries' normal communication process," an unnamed North Korean official said after the sit-down. Both Beijing - North Korea's main diplomatic protector and economic backer - and Pyongyang share a deep suspicion of Washington's strong presence in the region.

AFP

Priest, 86, is 'beheaded' by two 'ISIS knifemen'

PARIS – An 86-year-old priest has been 'beheaded' by two 'Islamic' knifemen who cut his throat after bursting into a French church and taking nuns and worshippers hostage before being shot dead by police.

Five people including the priest, two nuns and two parishioners were held by assailants who raided the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray in Rouen, Normandy at 9am.

The clergyman, named as Jacques Hamel, is believed to have been beheaded during the attack while another hostage is 'hovering between

life and death' in hospital.

The two attackers have been 'neutralised' by elite marksmen in a dramatic police operation while the building is being searched for possible explosives.

There were claims that the attackers shouted 'Daesh' – an alternative name for ISIS – as they ran into the church.

At least one of the men was dressed in Islamic clothing, according to French media reports, and an anti-terrorist unit has already taken up the investigation.

Pope Francis has expressed his 'pain and horror' at the incident with a spokesman saying the Pontiff was

appalled by the 'barbaric killing' because it happened in a sacred place.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Just Welby said: 'Evil attacks the weakest, denies truth and love, is defeated through Jesus Christ. Pray for France, for victims, for their communities.' Footage from the scene shows emergency crews, including elite police squads, arriving at the Church of the Gambetta and one person being stretchered into an ambulance. The clergyman, ordained in 1958, had his throat cut, said a spokesman for the Interior Ministry in Paris. *Daily Mail*



BRUTALITY: A priest was butchered by knifemen who cut his throat after bursting into a French church and taking hostages before being shot dead by police.

BRIEFS

Jordan speaks of police killings

LOS ANGELES – National Basketball Association great Michael Jordan is speaking out on the gun violence heightening racial tensions in America, pledging millions of dollars in pursuit of a solution. "As a proud American, a father who lost his own dad in a senseless act of violence, and a black man, I have been deeply troubled by the deaths of African Americans at the hands of law enforcement and angered by the cowardly and hateful targeting and killing of police officers," Jordan said in a one-page letter released via theundefeated.com, a website backed by ESPN. *AFP*

Turkey arrests 42 journalists

ISTANBUL – Turkey ordered the detention of 42 journalists on Monday, broadcaster NTV reported, under a crackdown following a failed coup that has targeted more than 60 000 people, drawing fire from the EU. The arrests or suspensions of soldiers, police, judges and civil servants in response to the July 15-16 putsch have raised concerns among rights groups and Western countries, who fear President Tayyip Erdogan is capitalising on it to tighten his grip on power. *AFP*

FBI probes 'cyber intrusion'

WASHINGTON – The FBI said on Monday it was investigating the "cyber intrusion" at the Democratic National Committee after leaked internal e-mails show party leaders sought to undermine Bernie Sanders's campaign. The leaked documents on Friday have provoked an uproar as the Democratic convention gets under way in Philadelphia, set to tap Hillary Clinton for the presidential nomination. *AFP*



One arrested gruesome killing

DHAKA – Bangladesh police on Monday arrested a spinning mill worker for allegedly torturing a nine-year-old boy to death with an air compressor, the second such incident in less than a year, officers said. Sagar Barman died of internal injuries in hospital late on Sunday after his family alleges eight mill workers were involved in forcing the compressor into the boy's rectum and turning on the machine. *News24*

Baby with Zika-caused microcephaly

BARCELONA – A woman infected with the Zika virus gave birth to a baby with the brain-damaging disorder microcephaly in Spain on Monday, her hospital said, the first case of its kind in Europe. The mother, who has not been identified, caught the virus on a trip abroad but authorities have declined to say where. A hospital source said she was infected in Latin America, where the virus is prevalent. "The baby did not require any resuscitation," Felix Castillo, neonatal chief at the Vall d'Hebron hospital in Barcelona, told a press conference, adding that the infant's vital signs were "normal and stable". *News24*



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FEELING IT: Makabongwe Magongo aka Gatji far right playing for Nathi Mankayi of Nomvula fame and Vusi Nova.

SWAZI GUITARIST IN DEMAND IN SA

● Makabongwe Magongo's first break in the South African music scene was with multi awarding winning Jaziel brothers on their Matatiela Project

By Majaha Nkonyane

SWAZI-born bass guitar player, Makabongwe Magongo, is breaking barriers in the South African music scene as he recently played for Vusi Nova on the production for his latest album.

Magongo's first break in the South African music scene was with the multi awarding winning Jaziel brothers on their Matatiela Project.

His talent continued to open up doors for him as he then moved on to play on the popular Nathi Mankayi's 'Nomvula' album, which took South Africa by storm, scooping awards on numerous platforms.

To add to his growth as an artist, Magongo is now involved in Vusi Nova's new album Nanini Na, which is also making waves in the market, as well as being involved in Amanda Mankayi's album which is still in the production process.

Starting his music career, back in Manzini Nazarene High School in 2004, Magongo had tremendously grown becoming a hit not only in Swaziland but also in South Africa.

The Swazi-born muso who is frequently on tours with Nathi, was spotted at the recent Glory Manifest with his bass guitar on stage.

Exciting

"It has been an exciting journey for me to be on such a platform and I am very happy to be home and still get a platform to play alongside friend Sizwe Mabuza whom I grew up with.

"I believe it is high time the music scene in Swaziland competes at an international level, given the talent the country has," Makabongwe Magongo said.

Magongo is a freelancer who works with independent South African recording label Ghetto Ruff.

The company specialises in Kwaito, Hip Hop, Soul, House, Gospel and



MAN ON BASS: Makabongwe Magongo aka Gatji, playing a bass guitar, he has broken barriers in a foreign land as he plays for big names in the South Africa Music Scene. (Courtesy Pics)

Rhythm and Blues music.

Their artists are well celebrated in South Africa and beyond, dating back to the likes of Zola all the way to recent multi award winning Nathi Mankayi.

The guitarist said he draws his growth and experience from a number of local artists who helped expose him to a number of platforms.

These include Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane, Ziyawa, Nduduzo Matse and Banele Dlamini.

Botswana acts to open up for Mdura

By Majaha Nkonyane

SWAZILAND'S leading comedian 'Mdura' has announced that for his upcoming DVD recording, two gifted comedians from Botswana will raise the curtain for him.

One of these comedians did a hilarious job at Mdura's first ever one man show, which was held earlier this year at the Swaziland Theatre Club.

The funny lady known as Enigma, delivered a set that centred on fuller figured women and the shortage of water that had struck the country at this time.

Enigma will be joined by another comedian known as Pheny the Master from Major League comedy, a comedy platform in Botswana.

The DVD recording of Mdura's show, dubbed ZeroChill, has tickets already flying off the shelves as people are flocking ticket outlets to secure seats. Companies have also not been left out as the VIP section is divided into two sections, one for individuals and the other for companies that purchased tickets for their employees.

"We invite other companies to follow suit and sup-

port local art. Art can be used as a communication channel to reach specific target audiences. Art has a huge following in the country and has the potential of influencing an opinion of a consumer if used in the right manner.

We thank corporate companies and individuals who have bought tickets thus far," Tall tree management and booking agency director Larry Mhlanga said.

The show will be held at Sibane hotel, and according to Sibane Hotel Marketing Officer, Nqabayoqolo Ginindza, all is set and ready for recording for what will go down in history for the local entertainment sector. The much anticipated show is supported by corporate companies that have come out to sponsor Tall Tree Management and booking agency with chauffeur services from Mazda Swaziland, branded water bottles in promotion of the show, as previously seen at the biggest Braai.

The man of the night himself promised his fans the best jokes "I have been working hard on the material for the show and I can assure my people that I am ready to give them a great time" Mdura said.



FUNNY MAN: Pheny the Master.

Hip Hop Awards slated for October

By Nomfundo Sifundza

A first of its kind awards event will take place in the country this coming October.

The local hip hop industry seems to not accept failure instead it would rather put its best foot forward and do the best that it can do.

After the failed 'Aweskhona' event at Mavuso followed the successful Hipnotik Festival.

The Hip Hop awards ceremony has been scheduled for October 15.

This was disclosed by the organiser, Zwakele Mkhonta who has been

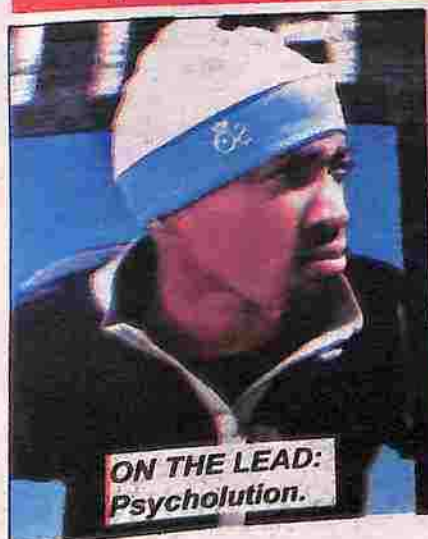
advertising and encouraging the public to vote for their favourite hip hop artists on Facebook page.

Although the concept has not yet received much support from fans, or the artists themselves, the page has been sending posts to encourage voters to keep voting.

Voting

The last voting report last week Friday placed rapper Psycholution at the top of the table with at least 50% of the votes.

When called for comment both Zwakele's mobile numbers rang unanswered at the time of going to print.



ON THE LEAD: Psycholution.

MABALA NOISE SIGNS JAY SPITTER

By Nomfundo Sifundza

HIP Hop artist, Jay Spitter has been signed by one of the top South African entertainment stables, known as Mabala Noise.

Jay Spitter, real name Njabulo Hlatwayo is no newbie in the Swazi music scene as he has resided in the country for a year.

While here he produced his own music alongside his friend, local rapper King Kangaroo who is from Mpumalanga by origin.

The young rapper found favour with the big stable after

he took his music career to Durban then later to Johannesburg.

As he is deemed to be a hard worker and a persistent person by his friend Kangaroo, who spent quality time with him as they grew up in Mpumalanga and decided to take their careers to Swaziland.



Mabala Noise Entertainment is managed by African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) acting treasurer Reggie Nkabinde who is also a businessman. Together with DJ Bongz they run the stable successfully as a number of other big names in the South African entertainment industry including the likes of rapper Ricky Rick who recently changed his name to King Kotini, Nasty C, Khanyi Mbau and kwaito legend, Zola.

Mabala Noise is reportedly on the verge of rising as this very week more personalities will be signed under the stable. Their names are yet to be revealed.

King Kangaroo's music

career is on the rise as well as the rapper will be releasing yet another single called 'King Solomon' which emanates from the Bible story of King Solomon.

"After this song drops my journey to South Africa, specifically Durban will then begin" the rapper said, as he made it clear that his time in Swaziland has officially run out. He now wants to explore what Durban soil can do for him.

The artist is currently signed under renowned stable, Claiming Ground Records alongside Hip Hop duo of Siyinqaba which consists of Mozaik and KrTC.



LATE: Gugu Zulu.

Nothando ready for Spirit of Praise Vol. 6

Majaha Nkonyane

TICKETS to the Spirit of Praise Volume 6 recording scheduled for Carnival City on July 30 where Women in Praise winner, Nothando Hlophe will be the first Swazi artist to feature on such a stage are sold out.

This follows the release of her debut album titled 'Impilo yami' recorded earlier this year under Spirit Music Group, which qualified her to be one of the leading artists at the recording this weekend.

Leserato Events Manager Sijabulile Vilakati said: "We are excited and looking forward to this big night for Nothando."

This is a testimony of how much she has grown as an artist over the past year.

"Getting an opportunity to record an album with the biggest

names in the gospel industry in South Africa is a very big milestone and we are excited about it and wish her all the best".

The concept for Spirit of



READY: Nothando Hlophe.

Praise came about as a need to showcase all their recording artists on one Live DVD and CD.

The project was also to be a platform to introduce new artists to the South African market. The main message is to show the 'Unity of the Spirit Music' artists working together on one stage.

The year 2016 sees Spirit of Praise recording their 6th edition at the Big Top Arena with an all NEW line-up featuring regulars, Benjamin Dube, Neyi Zimu, Omega Khunou, Tshepiso Mpotle, Dube Brothers and Women in Praise plus five new surprise guest artists.



Celebration at Gugu Zulu's memorial

By Nomfundo Sifundza

FRIENDS and family of the late South African motor racing driver, Gugu Zulu gathered at the Kayalami racetrack in Johannesburg to celebrate his life yesterday afternoon.

Zulu passed away last week whilst trying to climb Mount Kilimanjaro led by Swazi experienced climber, Sibusiso Vilane as part of the Trek4Mandela team that took part in the expedition to raise funds for charity.

Zulu was described as an inspirational person and that his personality that impacted many will be greatly missed.

Tears were visible in the eyes of his relatives, friends and his wife who was by his side until the last breath.

Singer Loyiso Bala rendered beautiful sounds at the memorial which



only resulted to the attendants breaking down.

Zulu's funeral service will be at the

Rhema Bible Church, Johannesburg tomorrow.

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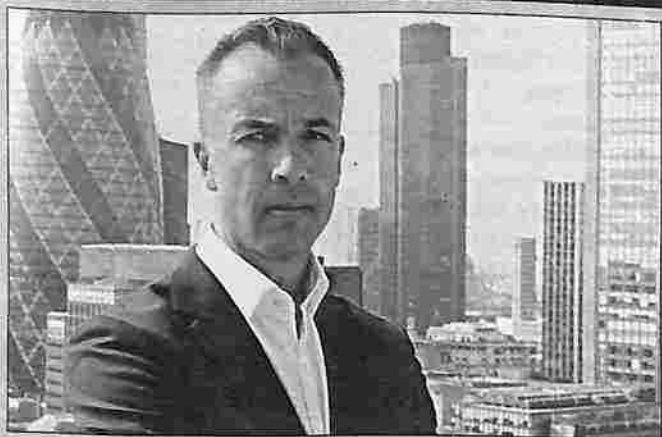
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The super rich and us Tomorrow at 20:00 on BBC Brit (120)

We were always told the super-rich would make us richer, so why hasn't that happened, and what does the arrival of their astronomical wealth really mean for the rest of us? In this two-part series, Jacques Peretti looks at how the super-rich first exploited an obscure legal

loophole to make Britain the most attractive tax haven on earth. He uncovers new research that shows growing inequality has been driven by the key factor of unaffordable property, and the far-reaching effect this will have on every aspect of our lives. Ain't that America

Tomorrow at 20:05 on Comedy Central (122)

As we've come to learn, there's no such thing as too many video clip-based TV shows. Hosted by Lil Duval and featuring an outrageous mix of celeb guests, the show features some of the most insane

and hilarious things Americans have done, and luckily for us, someone with a recording device wasn't far. Watch as people fall, fail, fight, faint, face their fears, and mostly importantly, do something freakishly funny.

Married at first sight Friday at 20:50 on Lifetime (131)

Married at First Sight is an extreme social experiment that follows six brave singles yearning for a life-long partnership as they agree to a provocative proposal: getting legally married to a complete stranger the moment they first meet.

Four specialists, sexologist, Dr. Logan Levkoff, psychologist, Dr. Joseph Cilona, sociologist, Dr. Pepper Schwartz, and spiritual advisor, Greg Epstein, create what they believe are three perfect couples based on scientific matchmaking. The couples will not meet until they walk down the aisle and see each other for the first time, face to face at

the altar. Over the course of several weeks, episodes capture each couple's journey as they go from wedding to honeymoon, to early nesting and to the daily struggle of working on their marriage.

After several weeks together each couple must make a decision, do they remain together or decide to divorce? The daring social experiment, Married at First Sight, returns for Season 3 where six single from the Atlanta, Georgia area will marry a complete stranger. The three couples are Vanessa Nelson & Tres Russell, Samantha Role & Neil Bowlus and Ashley Doherty & David Norton.

King of hearts Friday at 21:00 on Zee World (166)

King of Hearts is the story of Siddharth, who despite being a jet-setting hotelier with a growing empire to attend to, takes it upon himself to repair the estranged relationship between his wife Roshni and mother-in law Durga Devi. While Durga Devi has seen the trials and tribulations of poverty and struggled her way up to riches, she has

hardened over the years and developed a somewhat condescending view of the middle class. Siddharth and Roshni are constantly put under tests to prove their love or sacrifice in-order to bring happiness within the house. Tune in to Zee World from Friday 29 July at 21:00 for King of Hearts.

TLC'S NEXT GREAT PRESENTER SEARCH IS BACK IT COULD BE YOU!

TLC's search for its next African presenter is back!

This year the popular entertainment TV channel, in association with Colgate Optic White, is looking for that special person who has the winning style and Colgate smile to land the chance to present TLC'S MOST EXTREME, a brand new, four-part series coming to TLC Entertainment (DStv 135) in Q1 2017, plus an extra one-off special documenting the winner's story.

Featuring some of the most hilarious, gripping and outrageous moments from TLC's history, TLC's Most Extreme will be a must see for die-hard fans of the channel and a fantastic platform to launch a new presenting talent to DStv subscribers across Africa.

From Monday 25th July to Sunday 21st August, TLC fans from across the continent are invited to submit a 90-second video audition showcasing their presenting skills and explaining why they have what it takes to be the perfect presenter.

Candidates will also be required to read a pre-written script to camera, details of which, plus full entry criteria, can be found on the Next Great Presenter website.

Last year, over 1500 TLC fans from across the continent entered the highly-contended competition, and after 60,000 votes, Namibia's David Mbeha was crowned the winner. This time around, the competition is set to be even bigger, with more amazing prizes up for grabs for the lucky win-

TLC Next Great PRESENTER

ner, including a luxury holiday for two, plus of course the opportunity to travel to London to film the four part series in one of TLC's studios.

"The success of TLC's Next Great Presenter 2015 exceeded our expectations in every way and we are extremely excited to roll the competition out for a second year and amplify it further through our partnership with Colgate Optic White.

After receiving more than a thousand entries from across the continent, it only made sense to bring this campaign back and once more showcase the exceptional talent that Africa has to offer," says Lee Hobbs, VP of Channels, Emerging Business, Discovery Networks CEEMEA.

"This year, we will be looking for contenders who were made to be in front of the camera; with the enthusiasm, charisma, style and smile needed to make our TV screens light-up and join the likes of Buddy, Randy and Oprah in the TLC hall of fame. That is no mean feat, but we know our African viewers will take up the challenge and show us what they've got!"

"Colgate is excited to be part of this experience. TLC's Next Great

Presenter allows us to really bring Colgate Optic White to life - fashion, style and a perfect smile," said Stuart Cryer, Marketing Director, Oral Care. "We look forward to many Colgate Smiles lighting up TLC screens as contestants live the Optic White brand!"

Each video audition will be reviewed by a team of experts who will select the top twelve to advance to the Boot Camp stage during which three finalists will be selected by a panel of judges including executives from TLC, DStv and Colgate.

But, in the end it will be up to the TLC viewers to vote for their favourite finalist, with the winner set to be revealed live at a star-studded event in Johannesburg later this year.

For your chance to become TLC's next African presenter, visit the Next Great Presenter website for complete details on how to enter. For further updates, keep watching TLC Entertainment (DStv 135) and join the conversation on Facebook at "TLC Africa", on Twitter: https://twitter.com/TLC_Africa and on Instagram TLC_Africa

For more information log onto www.dstv.com

Lupita's best looks that we absolutely love

ACTRESS Lupita Nyong'o's star has been shining bright since she walked away with the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in 12 Years A Slave.

Looks

She has moved on to do more great things, including being part of the all-black female cast of the acclaimed Broadway play Eclipsed.

She received a 2016 Tony Award for Best Actress in a Play for her role. here are some of our favourite red carpet looks from her:



International
Celebrity News

Usher, More stars demand politicians stop using their songs

NEW YORK - Singers have had enough of politicians using their music without asking for permission. John Oliver gathered a group of famous musicians to appear in a "Don't Use Our Song" clip that gave politicians a clear message: stop using their music at political conventions. The British host opened the segment by discussing Donald Trump's unauthorised use of a Queen song and elaborated on other politicians who have used iconic



SICK AND TIRED:
Usher.

music for introductions or celebrations. The clip's new, catchy tune included Usher, Sheryl Crow, Josh Groban, Cyndi Lauper and more. "But we notice something's wrong and it's gone on way too long / So we're asking you right now stop using our songs," Usher crooned. Lauper also joined in and made it clear, "Stop using our music that's our one and only rule." *eOnline*

Dr. Dre Handcuffed following incident at his Malibu home

MALIBU - Music mogul, real name Andre Young, was detained by police after authorities responded to a call "regarding an allegation of a man brandishing a firearm," the press release explains. The call was made by a man who was stopped in his vehicle on Pacific Coast Highway in front of Dre's residence. "He said a male at the residence ordered him to leave and produced a handgun.



QUESTIONED: Dr. Dre.

The alleged victim said he drove away after seeing the handgun." Police "searched, handcuffed, and briefly detained" the celeb while deputies investigated the incident. No weapon was found at the scene, but the man who made the call insisted on making a private person's arrest, which includes a report detailing his allegations against Dre. *eOnline*

Mariah Carey's fiancé James Packer gropes singer

LONDON - They've been enjoying a blissful summer holiday off the Amalfi Coast. And it seems that Mariah Carey and her fiancé James Packer were making the most of their extended break, letting loose as they partied the night away in Capri, Italy on Sunday. Hitting the dancefloor at the VV Night Club with the chart-topping superstar, 46, and her 48-year-old billionaire beau were seen throwing some



LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Mariah Carey and Jame Packer.

seriously saucy shapes as they set up camp near the DJ's deck. Looking loved-up as ever, the pair rarely took their eyes off each other as they grinded in the VIP area - with James getting very hands on as Mariah bopped and dipped to the music. Draping an arm around James' neck, Mariah displayed her sexiest dance moves as she boogied along in time to the music, glass of wine in hand. *Daily Mail*

Are Rob and Blac on the rocks?

HOLLYWOOD - Just days ago he had taken to Instagram to gush about his pregnant fiancée, posting a snap of Blac Chyna captioned: 'My babies so pretty.' But by Monday Rob Kardashian had cleared his Instagram account of all photos of the 28-year-old model. The 29-year-old is said to have split with Chyna after 'discovering suspicious messages on her phone,' according to a report by the Mirror. *DailyMail.com* has



TROUBLE IN PARADISE: Blac.

reached out to representatives for the stars, but they have yet to comment on the situation. The two argued while being filmed for Keeping Up with the Kardashians, a source tells Media Take Out. It was reported that they unfollowed each other on social media after the spat, but by this morning Chyna had once again followed Rob, perhaps in an effort to reconcile. *Daily Mail*

SA Celebrity News

Cassper, Pearl Thusi team up not against AKA

JOHANNESBURG - Financial services group, Sanlam together with millionaire rapper Cassper Nyovest and Pearl Thusi have joined forces in a campaign to raise financial awareness amongst young people. In a documentary for Sanlam, Cassper and Pearl discuss some of their financial challenges and some big financial decisions they have



TEAM UP: Cassper and Pearl Thusi.

had to make. As part of the campaign, Cassper released the video for song Mr Madumane which is a song about a guy who is a big spender. The set for the video was made from recycled goods products. Cassper said when Sanlam approached him about being part of the campaign and doing the song, he had to look at the way people were living and realized they were living beyond their means. *Drum*

SABC to look into complaints over Khanyi, Somizi and Ntombi

JOHANNESBURG - the under-fire SABC has assured Metro FM listeners that their complaints about the new mid-morning show, Whose Show Is It Anyway, will be evaluated. The 8-10AM show, which recently debuted and is presented by Ntombi Ngcobo, Khanyi Mbau and Somizi Mhlongo, has seen relentless bashing from



NOT WANTED: Ntombi, Khanyi and Somizi.

Metro FM listeners on social media platforms. Some fans have said on Twitter that Mhlongo is more suited for the graveyard shift, whereas some said the trio is too loud to be listened to in the morning. Other fans even tweeted that they will be migrating to other radio stations. *Sowetan*

Axing from Uzalo 'a blessing', says actor Bonga Dlamini

JOHANNESBURG - Failure to land a role in the new season of SABC1 drama series Uzalo and the creative industry's inconsistent income has prompted one of President Jacob Zuma's nephews to venture into selling luxury leather bags. Bonga Dlamini was the star of the first season of one of SABC1's most-watched drama series. He played the character of Mkhonto Xulu, a troublesome and murderous brother of Gxabashe (Mpumelelo Bhulose), leader of a notorious car theft syndicate in KwaMashu, KwaZulu-Natal. "Of course I was saddened to learn



BLESSED: Bonga Dlamini.

that I would not be featured in the new season of the drama series I loved with all my heart, but life must go on," said Dlamini. "That is water under the bridge now and you know what they say: 'When one door closes, another opens.'" *Sowetan*

Nasty C clears the air on Roc Nation 'record deal'

JOHANNESBURG - Rapper Nasty C has come out to set the record straight over questions about his impending deal with Jay-Z's music management label Roc Nation, after it was announced on Thursday that he has signed a new record deal with Mabale Noise Entertainment (MNE).



STILL IN TALKS: Nasty C.

This comes in the wake of swirling reports, which surfaced in May, claiming that the rapper was in talks with Roc Nation about possibly signing under its stable.

Speculations went on to suggest that he had a meeting with the label's representatives in the US. However, he has since set the record straight, pointing out that he was approached by MNE at the same time that he was having recurring discussions with Roc Nation. "We never really got to meet in person with Roc Nation, we were just communicating everything over the phone and were trying to work everything out," Nasty C told The Citizen. *Sowetan*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Infuriated by the ongoing assaults on his business and his family, Mpiyakhe decides to make a bold move. Jabu gets some much needed advice from Mkabayi. S'Khaleni reveals his big plan to Pam.



ADVISED: Jabu.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Yvette and Eddie decide to plan an affair for Charlie at the Duncan. Zukisa is fed up with Lincoln's abuse and decides to rope in the most unlikely help. Lerato keeps pushing Sechaba for her white wedding in light of their money gift.



FED UP: Zukisa.

Muvhango

TODAY

Azwindini forges forward with his succession plan. Busi falls ill. Teboho and Mpho go into business together.



SICK: Busi.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

David is in a furious panic when he learns that Brenda has poisoned Lerato. Bong'i feels threatened by Doc's concern for a comatose Lerato. Solomon has his own suspicions about who could be responsible for Lerato's poisoning. Mapula is tempted to partake in her school's talent competition.



THREATENED: Bong'i.

**IT THINK I CAN SEE
THE WEEKEND FROM THERE!**

A cartoon illustration of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a black top and blue skirt, standing on a small platform. She has a speech bubble above her head that says "...AND YOU CAN'T RESIST IT".

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Hannah Abbott
Harry Potter
Hermione
Katie Bell
Lisa Turpin
Madam Hooch
Merlin, Morgana
Mrs Figg
Oliver Wood
Ptolemy
Susan Bones
Yvonne

wife?" The bird **shaw** says, "I'll tell you. Just the other night my wife came home on her hands and knees." The first two boys were amazed. "What happened then?" they asked. She said, "Got out from under the bed and **fight** like a man."

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5. It has been estimated that humans use only 10% of their brain.

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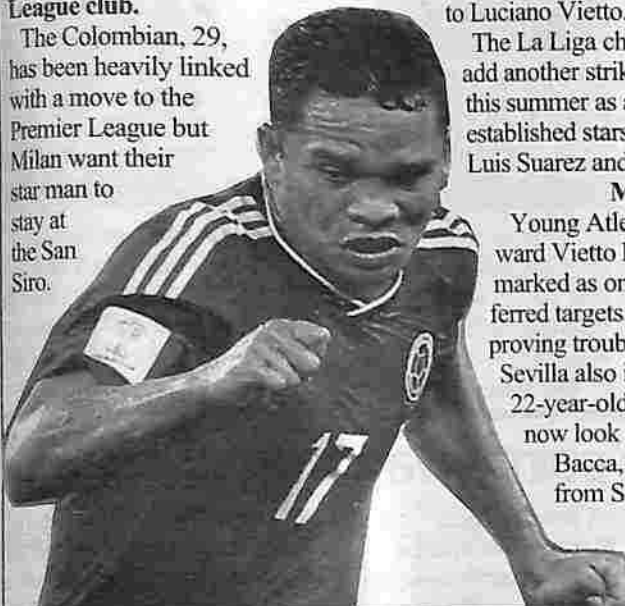
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Barcelona interested in move for Carlos Bacca

...as AC Milan forward maintains desire to play Champions League football

BARCELONA - Barcelona are considering a deal for Arsenal and West Ham target Carlos Bacca as the AC Milan striker looks for a move to a Champions League club.

The Colombian, 29, has been heavily linked with a move to the Premier League but Milan want their star man to stay at the San Siro.



WANTED: Carlos Bacca.

Catalan giants Barcelona, though, are ready to test the water over a move for Bacca with Mundo Deportivo reporting Luis Enrique's side see him as a possible alternative to Luciano Vietto.

The La Liga champions want to add another striker to their ranks this summer as a back-up to established stars Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar.

Marked

Young Atletico Madrid forward Vietto had been earmarked as one of their preferred targets but with a deal proving troublesome and Sevilla also interested in the 22-year-old, Barcelona may now look elsewhere.

Bacca, who joined Milan from Sevilla in 2015, is one potential option after he revealed he

wanted to play in Europe's top competition next season. "Bacca is a player of an international standard" said AC Milan boss Vincenzo Montella.

"It's hard to give up a player who guarantees goals. The club will evaluate things with the boy, because he aspires to play in the Champions League," Mantella said.

Command

Approaching 30, Bacca would command a fee in the region of £25million and has also been linked with Everton this summer.

Should he join Barcelona, Bacca would undoubtedly be one of Luis Enrique's reserve forward options but a move to the Nou Camp would still surely appeal.

For Milan, losing Bacca would be a major blow, with a prospective takeover by a Chinese consortium and subsequent investment seemingly the one thing that could keep him in Italy. *Daily Mail*.

BENNI MCCARTHY TO COACH HIBS

GLASGOW - McCarthy, 38, moved to Scotland in 2013 to pursue a career in coaching.

According to The Sowetan, McCarthy will begin work soon at the club.

"For now I will probably go to Hibs and work with a coach and a friend I worked with at Celtic a few years ago," said McCarthy. McCarthy earned 80 caps for Bafana Bafana between 1997 and 2012, scoring 32 goals. The highlight of the striker's career was winning the Champions League with Porto in 2004. In 2006, McCarthy signed for English Premiership side Blackburn Rovers where he would go on to make 109 appearances, as he scored 37 goals. *Citizen*



NEW HOME: Benni McCarthy to coach Hibs.

Quotas to be introduced for Proteas

CAPE TOWN - The board of directors of Cricket South Africa (CSA) has approved in principle the decision to introduce targets for all national teams.

This means that a quota system would be introduced for the Proteas, with CSA yet to determine the exact amount

of players of colour required.

The system implemented in domestic cricket last season stipulated that all franchise teams field a minimum of six players of colour in their starting XIs, while three players were required to be black African.

"In the past we had never set targets

Tevez set to snub Chelsea, Napoli

CAPE TOWN - According to Carlos Tevez both Chelsea and Napoli are chasing his signature, but he insists he will turn both of them down in order to remain at Boca Juniors.

Tevez first came to Europe when he and compatriot Javier Mascherano made the surprise move to West Ham United from Boca 10 years ago in 2006. The striker went on to have stints with Manchester United, Manchester City and Juventus before returning to Argentina last year.

His career in Europe was littered with instances of him claiming homesickness and stating outright that he wanted to end his career back home with Boca Juniors so, while the rumoured interest from

Chelsea and Napoli may come as a surprise, his announcement that he has no intention of moving back to England does not.

"I'm fine at Boca," he told Corriere dello Sport. "Indeed my idea, my dream is to finish my

career as a player in this wonderful club.

"Europe? Yes, it's true Napoli and Chelsea seek me, but I repeat what I said before. My desire is to stay at Boca until I retire."

There were also rumours of a possible return to West Ham during the off-season, but the deal broke down.

However, contrary to what Tevez has been

saying about retiring at Boca, Hammers co-chairman David Sullivan claims the 32-year-old turned down the chance to return to the club simply because they weren't willing to match his salary demands. *Sport24*



ON DEMAND: Carlos Tevez.

Five sprint canoeists banned from Rio 2016 Olympic Games

MOSCOW - Five Russian sprint canoeists have been banned from the Rio Olympic Games after being implicated in doping irregularities.

The International Canoe Federation (ICF) requested additional information on those implicated by the bombshell McLaren Report that uncovered systematic and state-sponsored doping across Russian sport.

As a result, Russian canoeists Elena Anisushina, Natalia Podolskaia, Alexander Dyachenko, Andrey Kraitov and Alexey Korovashkov have been banned from next month's Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The ICF uncovered that of 27 cases from the 25 canoe sprint athletes named in the report, 11 have already been sanctioned and another 15 have not competed at senior international standard.

Simon Toulson, the ICF secretary-general, said: "This is a bitter blow for the Olympic movement and we are saddened that our sport is implicated. We have taken swift action and removed all offending athletes where doping evidence exists. "The ICF will continue its strong zero-tolerance stance and remove all athletes that contravene its rules in anyway.

"We are clear that if you step out of line you won't make the start line." Anisushina was due to compete in the women's kayak double

(K2W) 500m race but her partner Kira Stepanova will now not be able to enter with someone else. Their place has been reallocated to Austria.

Dyachenko was paired with Iurii Postirai in the men's kayak double (K2M) 200m race and have been kicked out of the competition with their spot now taken by Sweden. The Russians won gold at London 2012. Korovashkov had replaced Viktor Melantsev to race

alongside Ilya Pervukhin in the men's canoe double (C2M) 1000m race. Their place will not be reallocated to another nation.

Podolskaia had entered the women's kayak single (K1W) 200m event and her place will be given to

Germany, while Kraitov's spot in the canoe single (C1M) 200m will go to Iran.

The decision follows a move by both rowing and swimming to ban several Russian athletes in the wake of the International Olympic Committee's controversial decision to let the sports decide on Russia's involvement in Rio.

Swimming's governing body FINA banned three Russian swimmers, with four more being withdrawn by the Russian Olympic Committee, while rowing's international federation FISA barred three Russian athletes.

(*Daily Mail*.)



Serero left out in cold at Ajax

AMSTERDAM - "Thulani was not in the selection I received at the beginning of the season," said Ajax's new coach Peter Bosz, according to reports in Holland.

"What the reason for it is, I cannot answer as a trainer, that is up to the club."

Reports in Holland, however, suggest that this is Ajax policy,

because Serero can walk out of the side on a free transfer when his contract expires in the summer of 2017. Thus, the Dutch giants are determined to sell Serero, either in this transfer window, or in January.

Serero has been at Ajax Amsterdam for five seasons, joining in 2011 from Ajax Cape Town. *Citizen*.

Sakho's Liverpool future in doubt

CAPE TOWN - Mamadou Sakho faces an uncertain future at Liverpool after the defender was sent back to England from the Premier League club's pre-season tour of America.

According to British media reports, manager Jurgen Klopp was unhappy with the 26-year-old's attitude during their stay in California and ordered his return to Liverpool.

Sakho angered the German manager by turning up late for Liverpool's flight to the United States while last weekend he

interrupted Klopp while he was conducting an interview with the club website, the reports said.

The France international, who was recently cleared by UEFA



UNCERTAIN: Mamadou Sakho.

After allegations of a failed drugs test, is currently nursing an Achilles injury. He will continue receiving treatment at Melwood, the club's training ground, and is expected to miss the start of the Premier League season, which begins on August 13. *Reuters*.

Arrows to beat Chiefs to Mahachi?

DURBAN - Kudakwashe Mahachi could be on his way back to Golden Arrows, instead of a move to Kaizer Chiefs, according to sources.

The Zimbabwean is one of the players that have been strongly linked with Chiefs in this transfer window.

Following his move from Mamelodi Sundowns to Arrows outside of the transfer window after he was deemed a free agent last sea-

son, it had been thought that the player would be allowed to join a team of his choice for the 2016/17 season.

However, the winger returned to Sundowns at the end of his stay with Arrows, which has brought up confusion about what the future holds for him.

"Kudakwashe Mahachi wants to go back to Golden

Arrows.

It's something that has been discussed. But the challenge for him is that the club (Arrows) has some players with similar style of playing as him in the current

squad. So there is no decision yet on him, but the player does want to go back to Arrows," said the source. *Soccerladuma*

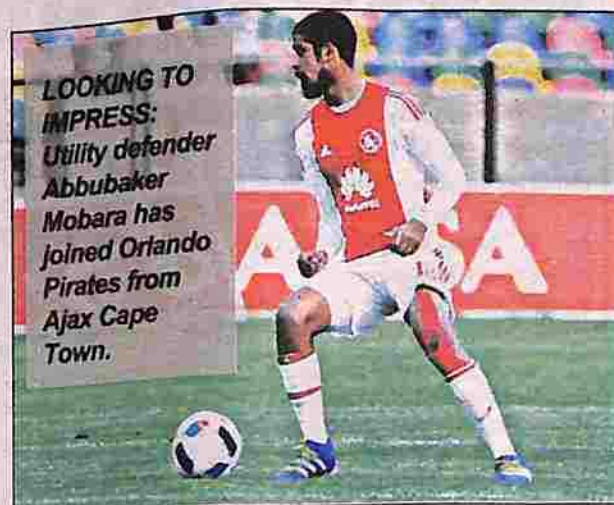


MHLONGO TALKS UP CLUBS' NEW RECRUITS

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates goalkeeper Brighton Mhlongo has been impressed by the quality of new recruits the club has acquired.

The Buccaneers are going through a rebuilding phase ahead of the upcoming season under new coach Muhsin Ertugral after placing no less than six players on transfer list including big name players like Sifiso Myeni and Lehlohonolo Majoro.

The club have so far signed striker Ayanda Nkosi, Abbubaker Mobara, Riyad Norodien, Bernard Morrison and Jackson Mabokgwane.



LOOKING TO IMPRESS: Utility defender Abbubaker Mobara has joined Orlando Pirates from Ajax Cape Town.

"So far so good, the spirits are high and we are all getting used to the new coach," Mhlongo said on the club's website.

"The great thing about the

new players is that we already knew each other from when they were with their old teams. So now we are just gelling and supporting each other." *Sport24*

De Sa confirms Myeni capture unlikely

CAPE TOWN - Transfer-listed Orlando Pirates midfielder Sifiso Myeni is highly unlikely to be moving to Ajax Cape Town with head coach Roger de Sa revealing he is too expensive.

The 28-year-old has been at Pirates since 2012 but was recently placed on the transfer list by the club. Myeni,

who has played under De Sa at both Wits and the Bucs, is currently on the lookout for a team for the new season after being deemed surplus to requirements at Pirates.

Reuniting

However, it appears as if once again reuniting with De Sa at the Urban Warriors in the near future is not a realis-

tic possibility.

Significant

This was confirmed by the Ajax coach, who pointed out that the player's salary represented a significant stumbling block towards any possible deal taking place. "I speak to Sifiso quite a lot on the phone as a friend,"

Sport24

Sundowns one point away from CAF semis

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns can continue an amazing four-month transition from flops to tops if they avoid defeat at home to Zamalek of Egypt today in the CAF Champions League.

A point at Lucas 'Masterpieces' Moripe Stadium near Pretoria will suffice to seal first place in Group B and take the South African side to the semi-finals of the premier African club football competition.

It will also complete a remarkable turnaround for Sundowns, who were eliminated in the final qualifying round for the Champions League last April by V Club from the Democratic Republic of Congo. *AFP*



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ZLATAN BEGINS COUNTDOWN TO HIS MAN UNITED DEBUT

MANCHESTER - Manchester United's marquee summer signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic was pictured in Manchester yesterday morning as his long-awaited debut for the Old Trafford giants drew closer.

Ibrahimovic joined United on a free transfer from Paris Saint-Germain this summer and the countdown is on for the first glimpse of the striker in a United shirt. He is in line to make his first appearance against Galatasaray in his native Sweden on Saturday.

After the rest of the United squad returned from their pre-season tour of China yesterday morning, the 34-year-old Ibrahimovic is set to train with Jose Mourinho's side this week before the squad heads to Gothenburg.

The game against the Turkish side was arranged once the deal for Ibrahimovic had been agreed behind the scenes and the player's

immense popularity in his homeland means he'll be a huge draw at the 43,000-seater Ullevi Stadium.

United play a reserve team fixture against Salford yesterday evening and there remains a possibility Ibrahimovic could be in the stands for that game at Moor Lane.

Ibrahimovic missed United's trip to China - a tour which saw their clash with Manchester City abandoned due to bad weather - as he was given extra time off following Euro 2016.

Mourinho ordered his players in for a training session yesterday morning - immediately after they had flown in from Beijing, a flight time of nearly 11 hours.

The former Sweden captain has been given a special individual training regime to follow while the rest of the squad were in China, and reported to the club on Sunday.

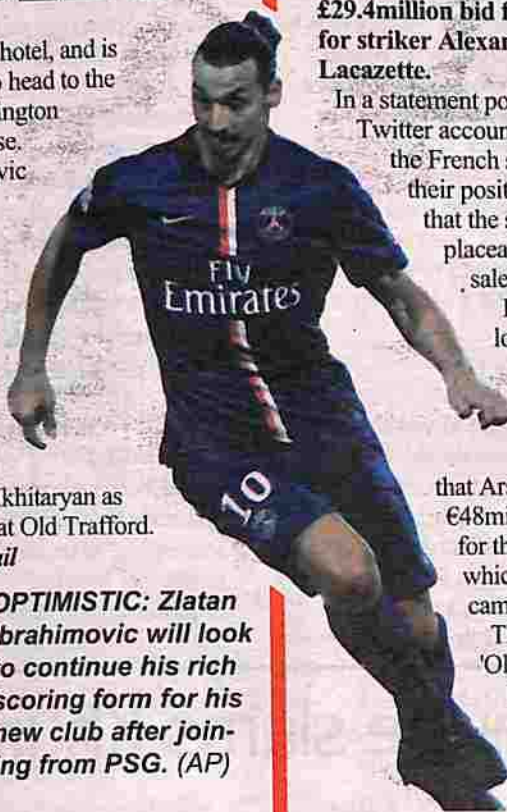
He was spotted getting into a white BMW yesterday outside a

city-centre hotel, and is expected to head to the club's Carrington training base.

Ibrahimovic is one of three United signings this summer, joining defender Eric Bailly and Henrikh Mkhitaryan as new faces at Old Trafford.

Daily Mail

OPTIMISTIC: Zlatan Ibrahimovic will look to continue his rich scoring form for his new club after joining from PSG. (AP)



Lyon reject £29.4m bid from Arsenal for Lacazette

LONDON - Lyon have confirmed they have rejected a £29.4million bid from Arsenal for striker Alexandre Lacazette.

In a statement posted on their Twitter account yesterday, the French side clarified their position by noting that the striker is 'irreplaceable' and not for sale.

Le Progres, a local newspaper in Lyon, had earlier published a report noting that Arsenal had bid €48million (£40.2m) for their star striker, which the club came out to refute.

They wrote: 'Olympique Lyonnais categorically denies having received a €48m offer from Arsenal

for Alexandre Lacazette like Le Progres claims in their edition yesterday morning.

The club regrets yet again that Le Progres did not decide to contact us before publishing this false information that has created confusion on the day where the Group, on the stock exchange, publishes its annual accounts showing €218.1m (£182.9m), a progression of 111% from 2014/15.

'The reality is that the club Arsenal made an offer worth €35m, which Lyon did not follow up on for one reason: OL will keep Alexandre Lacazette who is irreplaceable and who is one of the main leaders in Bruno Genesio's squad.'

According to separate reports, the 25-year-old has already told West Ham he would only leave Lyon for a club in the Champions League.

Arsenal are in the hunt for a new striker this summer, and Lacazette fits the bill after scoring 21 goals in Ligue 1 last season. *Daily Mail*



'Hazard can still match Messi'

LONDON - Chelsea forward Pedro feels team-mate Eden Hazard still has the potential to match Lionel Messi as one of the best players in the world.

The Belgium international endured a difficult 2015-16 campaign after shining the previous season, but Pedro believes the winger has the quality to reach the same level as the Barcelona star.

"When it comes to

Messi, we are talking about a player I believe is still the best in the world. He really is on a different level to other players," Pedro told Standard Sport.

"But Hazard is a very, very good player, you can see his technique is excellent and he has shown everything at Chelsea. He is still young, so he is going to continue improving to one day be among the very best in the world. *Goal.com*

Liverpool's Allen makes Stoke switch

LIVERPOOL - Stoke City have signed Wales international midfielder Joe Allen from Liverpool on a five-year deal, the two Premier League clubs announced on Monday.

Stoke paid \$17 million to make Allen the club's second signing of the pre-season after tying up a deal for Egyptian teenager Ramadan Sobhi earlier in the day.

Allen was named in UEFA's team of the tournament as Wales reached the semi-finals of Euro 2016, but the 26-year-old struggled for playing time under Jurgen Klopp at Anfield last season.

Delighted

"It's been a whirlwind 48 hours for me but I am delighted to have finally been able to put pen to paper," Allen told Stoke's official website.

"I was really excited as soon as I heard of the club's interest and it wasn't a difficult decision for me to make.

"I am incredibly excited about my future here at Stoke City."

Allen, who will wear the number four shirt, flew out to Orlando along with Sobhi yesterday to join his new team-mates.

Daily Mail

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Poch reaffirms Spurs commitment

LONDON - Tottenham head coach Mauricio Pochettino has distanced himself from the Argentina national team job while also revealing imminent departures of three squad players.

Pochettino has been named as a front-runner for the Argentina job since the resignation of Gerardo Martino.

However, the former Southampton manager says it's just paper talk as it would be natural for them to be interested in an Argentine who led a Premier League club to a third placed finish.

"I think the speculation is normal because I am an Argentinean coach at a top club in England," he told reporters.

"There are a lot of rumours that appear in the media but I am happy at Tottenham and for that reason, this is not the right moment."

The 44-year old, who is currently with Spurs on a pre-season tour in Australia went on to mention that three players who were used sparingly last season are free to leave the club this summer.

"The situation of other three players - Bentaleb, Fazio and Pritchard - is very clear. They are not in my plans and they know. I have communicated with them and it was made very clear. It's not a problem," he explained. "They know the situation and we'll see what happens."

Sport24.



SPECIAL ONE: Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho.

Manchester United fly 5 000 miles back from Beijing

MANCHESTER - Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho ordered his players in for a training session yesterday morning - immediately after they had flown in from Beijing.

The weary squad touched down at Manchester Airport at 5am after travelling 5,000 miles and 11 hours through the night but were on the training pitch at Carrington by 6.30am for a two hour session.

It is understood that Mourinho was unhappy at the lack of fitness work the players had done over the last 72 hours and wanted them to do a proper warm-down.

Mourinho praised the commitment of his players afterwards, telling ManUtd.com: "They are a great group of boys and the intensity of the session shows they are very professional in their outlook."

It came after their derby with Manchester City in Beijing was cancelled on Monday after heavy rain left the pitch at the Bird's Nest Stadium unplayable.

It means that Jose Mourinho only had one opportunity to assess the strengths and weaknesses of his squad - the disappointing 4-1 loss to Borussia Dortmund in Shanghai on Friday.

United touched down at Manchester Airport early yesterday morning following an overnight flight back from Beijing and boarded a bus straight to the training ground. *Daily Mail*.

Everton in talks to sign Arnautovic in £12.5m deal

...as Austria forward opts against Stoke City stay

LONDON - Everton are working on a deal to land Stoke City winger Marko Arnautovic as Ronald Koeman looks to find a solution to bolster his attack.

The Austria international has one year left on his contract at Stoke but has failed to agree on a new deal as he looks for wages of £80,000 a week.

Those demands, though, are hindering Everton's attempts to sign the 27-year-old and should he refuse to compromise on the terms he is looking for, he will price himself out of a move to Goodison Park.

When Graziano Pelle moved from Southampton to

the Chinese Super League, Everton turned their attentions to Arnautovic and there is a clause - which runs out this month - that would allow him to leave Stoke for £12.5million.

Koeman wants to bolster Everton's attacking options and find players who can partner Romelu Lukaku, who is in talks with Everton over extending his contract, as neither Arouna Kone or Oumar Niasse - a target for Galatasaray - have shown they have are capable.

It has been a frustrating period for Koeman, whose sole signing so far has been goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenberg. He remains determined to sign another

keeper, a centre-back and a central midfielder, with Zenit St Petersburg's midfielder Axel Witsel an option.

Arnautovic's departure would come as a blow to Stoke following his form last season though they may put the funds towards a club record bid for West Bromwich Albion forward Saido Berahino.

West Brom have rejected their opening £20m offer while Crystal Palace are prepared to bid more for the 22-year-old. Stoke have already signed talented Egypt international winger Ramadan Sobhi from Al Ahly while Joe Allen will sign for £13m from Liverpool after undergoing a medical. *Daily Mail*

Paulse slams Khune, Da Gama

CAPE TOWN - Kaizer Chiefs goalkeeper Khune was one of two overage players picked by Owen Da Gama for the Games, alongside his Amakhosi teammate Eric Mathoho.

Khune does seem likely to play in Brazil ahead of Paulse's teammate Jody February, who was instrumental in the team qualifying for the Olympics.

"I don't see why he (Khune) has been picked. People throw the 'experienced' tag around, but I think experience only counts when you've achieved on that (highest) stage, which then allows you to pass on that experience," Paulse told Sport24 on Monday.

"Khune hasn't done anything great for South African football as yet. I mean, South Africa hasn't won a cup at senior level. So for me if you're selecting a senior player, you should either take someone with experience who has achieved at the highest level. "The

number of caps can be thrown into the argument, but caps in my opinion have been won by just about any Tom, Dick and Harry, so to say he's the most capped player, to be quite frank, it means half-and-half because we fail to hand out caps to players who've earned it.

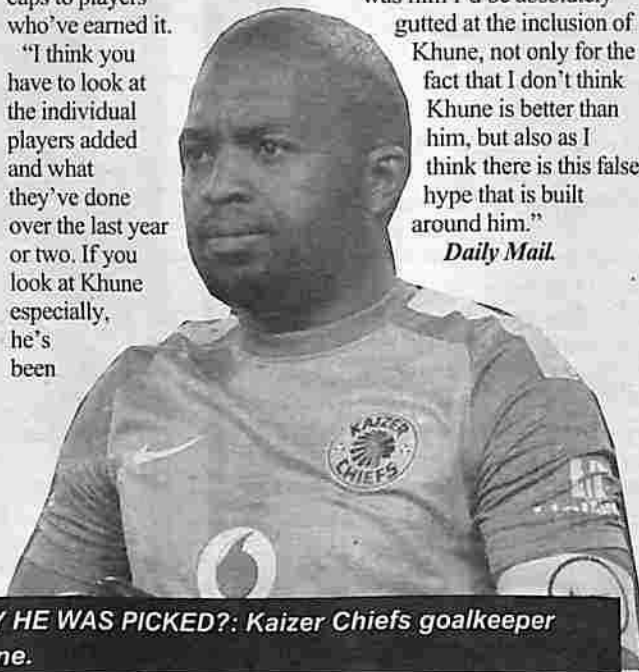
"I think you have to look at the individual players added and what they've done over the last year or two. If you look at Khune especially, he's been

injured for a large part of the last year and a half or almost two years now and has struggled for form," added Paulse.

"I think Jody is obviously proud and happy to be going to Rio 2016, but deep down, knowing him, I think that if I was him I'd be absolutely gutted at the inclusion of

Khune, not only for the fact that I don't think Khune is better than him, but also as I think there is this false hype that is built around him."

Daily Mail



WHY HE WAS PICKED?: Kaizer Chiefs goalkeeper Khune.

Mahrez unruffled by Arsenal talk

LONDON - Reports in France suggest the reigning PFA Player of the Year is set for a move to the Gunners - in a deal that would represent a huge profit on the £400,000 the Foxes paid Le Havre two years ago.

Leicester have already lost N'Golo Kante to Chelsea in a £32million switch and manager Claudio Ranieri is adamant Mahrez is going nowhere.

Mahrez was sensational, scoring a superb goal, as Leicester secured a 6-5 penalty

shoot-out win over Celtic in the International Champions Cup after the game ended 1-1.

And Gray believes Mahrez's sparkling performance proves he is not affected by events off the pitch. "There is a lot of speculation around him but he doesn't seem to be bothered by any of that, does he?" said Gray. "He works hard and he's a Leicester player. We'll just do what he does, train and focus on games. "He was the Player of the Year and we won the League, so you expect

speculation but he is a great professional and concentrates on what he does and contributes to the team, as you saw against Celtic.

"It's not really bothering him." Leicester go next to America to take on PSG and Barcelona and Gray is looking forward to it. He said: "It's crazy. We've got a trip to America next week and I used to watch these types of tournaments on TV and now I'm involved in the, it's a good experience. *TeamTalk*.



MOVING ON: Naomi Broady has reached the second round of the Rogers Cup in Montreal, beating Monica Puig.

Broady beats Puig to advance to second round

TORONTO - Naomi Broady booked her place in the second round of the Rogers Cup with a three-set victory over Puerto Rico's Monica Puig in Montreal.

Big-serving Broady lost the first set 6-3 but bounced back strongly, winning the next two 6-4 6-2 to triumph in a contest which lasted for more than two hours.

Next up for the 26-year-old from Stockport is a match against third seed, Garbine Muguruza, of Spain. However, there was disappointment for fellow Briton Heather Watson, who was beaten 7-5, 6-3 by Australia's Samantha Stosur.

Watson tried in vain to get onto the front foot, directing the ball and making Stosur move, but she was broken in the second set early on, before another flurry of unforced errors opened up a double break for the Australian. Stosur, who was beaten in the quarter-finals of the Citi Open in Washington DC last week, had to wait to complete the victory after a love hold from the Briton, but she served out the game to reach the second round. *Daily Mail*.

Lamela nets consolation as Mauricio Pochettino's men are defeated

LONDON - It is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, Test match venue in the world.

And in the opening stages at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last night it looked like we were going to see a cricket score.

For the first 15 minutes this was like watching England's struggles against the dominant Aussies of the late 80s and 90s.

Or, if you prefer, reminiscent of the first three sessions of the 2010 Boxing Day Test in 2010 when the baggy greens were skittled for 98, England closed on 157-0 and the stadium was half empty with hours to play. In other words, totally one-sided.

To criticise Spurs, who were 2-0 down before the first quarter-of-an-hour expired, would be harsh. At best, three of a youthful starting XI, will start for Mauricio Pochettino when his side go to Everton on the first day of the season and they improved significantly as the match wore on, pulling a goal back from lively half-time substitute Erik Lamela and almost snatching a draw. This was, to put it bluntly, a weakened side. None of the club's European Championship contingent have travelled to Australia which prompted the delightful chant of 'Harry Kane, we left him at home' from the Spurs faithful who made up the majority of a 31,447 crowd. A word on the attendance. While this cavernous, 100,000-capacity arena looked sparse, credit must be given those who paid through the nose to come out on a cold night at the side of the Yarra. *Daily Mail*.

MAN CITY ON VERGE OF DOUBLE SIGNING

as Pep Guardiola closes in on Leroy Sane and Brazilian wonderkid Gabriel Jesus

MANCHESTER - Manchester City are hopeful of reaching a compromise with Schalke to sign winger Leroy Sane, and are also close to completing a deal for Palmeiras wonderkid Gabriel Jesus.

A difference in valuation is holding up the Sane transfer after Schalke demanded £41.5m for the 20-year-old Germany international and City offered in the region of £35m.

However, it's understood that a deal is edging closer and Schalke's director of sport Christian Heidel has urged the two clubs to reach an agreement so they



WANTED: Schalke to sign winger Leroy Sane.

can move on with other transfer business.

The German club have already signed Breel

Embolo from Basel as a replacement, and Heidel said: 'Like us, Manchester City also must think about

itself, as both teams have to take into account the further planning in the transfer market.'

City are also understood to be very close to striking a deal for Gabriel Jesus, although their director of football Txiki Begiristain has remained with their touring party in China for now.

Palmeiras want £26m for the 19-year-old forward, who was voted best newcomer in the Brazilian Championship this year and has attracted interest from Real Madrid, Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain.

Daily Mail



Bonucci 'to sign new Juve deal, hand PL trio a £50m snub'

ITALY - The Italy defender has been linked with a £50million move to the Premier League this summer, with both Chelsea and Manchester City keen.

It appeared Pep Guardiola's side had, however, moved into pole position to sign Bonucci, having had a €60million deal accepted by Juventus last week.

And amid reports yesterday morning that Manchester United were poised to launch a bid of their own for the centre-half, 29, it appeared the demand for Bonucci was set to reach fever pitch.

Bonucci was reported to be using a holiday in the Balearic island of Formentera to consider a potential move, with Juventus leaving it up to the player about whether he fancied a move to the Premier League.

However, Italian daily Tuttosport claim Bonucci has now decided to stay in Turin and pledge his loyalty to the Old Lady.

The paper claims Bonucci is poised to sign a new and improved contract with the Serie A champions and will be handed a new deal worth €4.5million a year, plus bonuses.

The report adds that Bonucci, regarded as one of the world's best central defenders, has ambitions to win the Champions League but feels he stands a far better chance at Juve than he would at any of Manchester City, Manchester United or Chelsea. *TeamTalk*

Messi, Suarez, Neymar named as video game cover stars

BARCELONA - Komani, the publishers of the annual football video game Pro Evolution Soccer, has also unveiled the La Liga champions as an official partner ahead of the title's release later this year.

Messi, who was yesterday morning linked with a move to

Manchester City once again, has featured on the front cover of FIFA games for the past four years, but the official partnership looks to have coerced an allegiance switch, while Neymar starred solo on PES 2016 cover.

Team Talk



STARS: Suarez, Neymar & Messi: PES 2017 cover stars.

HAMSTRING INJURY KEEPS QALINGE SIDELINED

CAPE TOWN - Orlando Pirates midfielder Thabo Qalinge suffered a hamstring injury and has been ruled out of all competitive football.

According to Orlando Pirates official website, Qalinge experienced some tightness in his muscle last week but was nursed back to a competitive level while on camp in Potchefstroom.

However, following a failed fitness test and a scan, the club's Dr. Matebula declared that Qalinge will now be sidelined in order to treat the injury.

The midfielder was saddened by the sudden news but remains positive despite the

setback ahead of the new season.

"It's unfortunate to be injured at a time when the team is getting together to prepare for the season," said the midfielder.

"Whenever there is a new coach and new players, we all want to impress so that we can be in contention for selection.

"This is just bad timing, but it's also how the game goes."

"I'm still feeling good though, very positive. It's a long season ahead so I'm working on being back as soon as possible.

"I've got a great team of specialists around me so I'm confident that I will be okay."

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BACK UP: Sebastian Vettel backed world champion Lewis Hamilton's opinion that Nico Rosberg should have been penalised for driving through yellow flags in qualifying at the Hungarian Grand Prix.

Vettel backs Hamilton in yellow-flag row

BUDAPEST - Sebastian Vettel backed world champion Lewis Hamilton's opinion that Nico Rosberg should have been penalised for driving through yellow flags in qualifying at the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The four-time world champion on Monday repeated the view of race winner Hamilton by saying that it was a bad example to other drivers.

"The worst thing about this is that we are an example," said the Ferrari driver.

"And next week, there'll be a go-kart race somewhere and there will be a double yellow flag - because somebody went off - and the marshals probably go out to help him.

"And then, the way the kids think, is 'I don't need to lift off' much because in Formula One it's okay'. And that's us, the pinnacle, and that's how we have to behave.

"That's what I don't like about it. I think in the past we didn't have the technology to time the different sectors around the track and we only had Sector 1, Sector 2 and Sector 3.

"The rule of thumb was that you are not allowed to improve

in a yellow sector.

"And double yellows? If you look it up, in the rulebook, it means be prepared to stop. So, arguably, if you go 2km/h or 4km/h slower, or you brake a little earlier, and you drop one and a half tenths, I don't think you are preparing to stop."

Vettel was clearly referring to Mercedes driver Rosberg's pole lap in the final seconds of Q3 when he spoke.

Fellow German Rosberg escaped a penalty despite a stewards inquiry into the incident when he slowed down during waved double yellows on his fastest pole-clinching lap.

After winning Sunday's race to go top of the championship for the first time this year, Hamilton re-opened the debate when he said Rosberg had not slowed enough and would have struggled to stop if a car, or marshal, had been on the track.

"It's one of those things we are trying to improve - and try to make it more fair - to give us drivers the chance to finish our lap, even if an unfortunate situation comes up, where there's a yellow flag," added Vettel.

AFP

'No complaints' about accommodation from Team SA

RIO DE JANEIRO - The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) is satisfied with the apartment block at the Rio Olympic Village, saying the accommodation is 'excellent'.

Contrary to various media reports that the village is "unlivable", SASCOC says team South Africa's apartment block is "excellent accommodation" with large en suite apartments, air-conditioning, reliable wi-fi in every room, reception areas, balconies, a swimming pool, mosquito pads and fans.

With the opening ceremony only 11 days away and the village almost complete, Sascoc says the standards already look like being on a par with most Olympic Villages to date.

Sascoc CEO and Team SA chef de mission, Tubby Reddy said: "Our team has settled in well and the block that we chose is ready. We have been lucky and hope all



SASCOC CEO and Team SA chef de mission, Tubby Reddy.

goes well throughout the rest of the games."

The South African men's and women's football teams are already in Brazil, with the men staying in Brasilia and the women in Rio.

Reddy says the conditions in these apartments are also very good with all amenities in good working order. *eNCA*



LAUNCH: HRFA Chairman, Comfort Shongwe, making his remarks during the Mahindra Mbabane Juniors' Knockout tournament, held at Sigwaca House yesterday. The tourney, which will kickoff on Saturday was sponsored to a tune of E10 000 to be contested for 28 Under-13 and Under-15 teams. (Pics: Sanele Jele)

MAHINDRA MBABANE JUNIORS TOURNAMENT LAUNCH



SPONSOR: Mahindra Swaziland Principal Dealer Sifiso Zulu delivering his brief speech.



LISTENING: Sihlangu Manager, Josiah 'Digga' Dlamini also graced the event.



PRESENT: Mahindra Swaziland Sales Manager Sanele Dlamini and Philip 'Big Daddy' Dlamini were also present.



CHAIRS: Sigangeni League Juniors Chairman, Oscar Mlotjwa and Mbabane Juniors Chairman, Melika Dlamini, who will be in charge of coordinating the Under-13/15 tourney.



PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: HRFA Development Officer, Sibonangaye Dlamini directing proceedings.



ATTENTIVELY: A section of the attendants listening closely.



REPS: Team representatives listening attentively.



FOCUS: NFAS Marketing Officer, Muzi Hadebe and HRFA Executive Member, Ntokozo Tsela, focused during the launch.



THANK YOU: Dlamini thanked the sponsor for supporting football at the grassroots level.



FRONT TABLE: Football officials and sponsor representatives during the event.

SIHLANGU TO COMPETE AGAINST 7 COUNTRIES

By Sanele Jele

...for second best spot in AFCON

SOCCER - SIHLANGU face an uphill battle as far as qualifying for the 2017 AFCON finals is concerned.

According to the CAF website, for the first time the top team from each group shall qualify for the final stage, as well as the best two runners-up, exclusive of the group of the host country, which only one team will qualify.

Also, if due to the withdrawal of one team and a group happens to be left with just three teams, this group will not be considered when determining the best second team.

In addition to this, the host country (Gabon) will participate in the qualifying stages; though the matches concerned will not be computed for points, they shall count as friendlies.

Fifty-two (52) teams will be engaged. They will be divided into 13 groups of 4 teams each.

Swaziland is currently in position two with eight points; they are separated by three points from log leaders in Group L, Zimbabwe, who have qualified regardless of the result in the last match against Guinea. The Harries 'Madze'



OUR PRIDE: The National team Sihlangu.

Bulunga-led charges will face Malawi in their last outing, of which is a must win. If they win they will be considered for qualification as best second place team.

Also competing for the best second place spot are Liberia, Central Africa Republic, Burkina Faso, who are all at 10 points, Benin at 11 points and Cape Verde (9

points), Ethiopia (8 points) and Mauritania (7 points).

Noteworthy, highly ranked Nigeria and COSAFA 2016 champions South Africa will not take part in this continental tournament as they performed poorly, with the former accumulating two points after three games, while the latter obtained only six points in

five outings.

Swaziland will play Malawi away in the second week of September, with all the other fixtures rolled out at the same time across the continent.



Group A

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Tunisia	5	3	1	1	12	2	10	10
2 Liberia	5	3	1	1	10	4	6	10
3 Togo	5	2	2	1	6	4	2	8
4 Djibouti	5	0	0	5	1	19	-18	0

Group B

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Congo DR	5	4	0	1	12	5	7	12
2 Central African Repub	5	3	1	1	8	7	1	10
3 Angola	5	1	1	3	6	7	-1	4
4 Madagascar	5	0	2	3	4	11	-7	2

Group C

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Mali	5	4	1	0	8	1	7	13
2 Benin	5	3	2	0	10	5	5	11
3 South Sudan	5	1	0	4	3	11	-8	3
4 Equatorial Guinea	5	0	1	4	2	6	-4	1

Group D

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Uganda	5	3	1	1	5	2	3	10
2 Burkina Faso	5	3	1	1	4	1	3	10
3 Botswana	5	2	0	3	4	6	-2	6
4 Comoros	5	1	0	4	2	6	-4	3

Group E

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Guinea-Bissau	5	3	1	1	7	6	1	10
2 Congo	5	1	3	1	8	7	1	6
3 Zambia	5	1	3	1	6	6	0	6
4 Malawi	5	1	1	3	4	6	-2	4

Group F

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Morocco	5	4	1	0	8	1	7	13

2 Cape Verde	5	3	0	2	11	6	5	9
3 Libya	5	1	1	3	7	6	1	4
4 Sao Tome	5	1	0	4	4	17	-13	3

Group G

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Egypt	4	3	1	0	7	1	6	10
2 Nigeria	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
3 Tanzania	3	0	1	2	0	5	-5	1

Group H

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Ghana	5	4	1	0	13	2	11	13
2 Rwanda	5	2	0	3	8	5	3	6
3 Mauritius	5	2	0	3	3	14	-11	6
4 Mozambique	5	1	1	3	4	7	-3	4

Group I

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Ivory Coast	5	2	3	0	4	2	2	9
2 Gabon	5	2	1	2	7	4	3	7
3 Sierra Leone	5	2	1	2	3	3	0	7
4 Sudan	5	1	1	3	2	7	-5	4

Group J

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Algeria	5	4	1	0	19	5	14	13
2 Ethiopia	5	2	2	1	9	13	-4	8
3 Seychelles	5	1	1	3	4	9	-5	4
4 Lesotho	5	1	0	4	5	10	-5	3

Group K

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Senegal	5	5	0	0	11	2	9	15
2 Burundi	5	2	0	3	7	9	-2	6

3 Namibia	5	2	0	3	5	7	-2	6
4 Niger	5	1	0	4	2	7	-5	3

Group L

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Zimbabwe	5	3	2	0	11	3	8	11
2 Swaziland	5	2	2	1	6	8	-2	8
3 Guinea	5	1	2	2	4	5	-1	5
4 Malawi	5	0	2	3	4	9	-5	2

Group M

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Cameroon	5	3	2	0	5	2	3	11
2 Mauritania	5	2	1	2	5	4	1	7
3 South Africa	5	1	3	1	7	5	2	6
4 Gambia	5	0	2	3	1	7	-6	2

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● Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba's world record £100m move to Manchester United is being held up by a row over who pays the 23-year-old France international's agent a £25m fee. (*Sun*)



● Manchester United are ready to rival Manchester City for the signing of Juventus defender Leonardo Bonucci and are willing to pay £50m for the 29-year-old Italy international. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Liverpool could bring in more than £100m in transfer fees this summer, with £30m-rated Belgium striker Christian Benteke, 25, among those expected to leave. (*Daily Mail*)

● Manchester City believe they would be Lionel Messi's first choice if he left Barcelona - and a former president of the Spanish giants has claimed there is a "conspiracy" to get rid of the 29-year-old former Argentina forward. (*Catalunya Radio, via Manchester Evening News*)

● Liverpool's Australia defender Brad Smith, 22, is close to a £6m transfer to Bournemouth. (*Goal*)

● The agent of Kalidou Koulibaly, 25, says the Senegal defender - who interests Chelsea and Everton - intends to leave Serie A side Napoli this summer. (*Radio CRC, via Talksport*)

● Liverpool and Borussia Dortmund have both made offers to 26-year-old Newcastle and France midfielder Moussa Sissoko. (*Le 10 Sport, via Daily Star*)



● Palmeiras' Brazilian forward Gabriel Jesus, 19, who has a minimum fee release clause of £20m, is a target for both Manchester United and Manchester City. (*UOL Esporte, via Sun*)

● Former Tottenham midfielder Rafael van der Vaart, 33, has been linked with a move to Championship side Reading after being told he has no future at Spanish club Real Betis. (*Daily Mirror*)

● New Everton manager Ronald Koeman wants to sign Stoke's 27-year-old Austria winger Marko Arnautovic. (*Sky Sports Austria - in German*)

● Winger Ryan Kent, 19, is the first of a host of youngsters Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp intends to send out on loan next season. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Bristol City have agreed a deal with Bayern Munich to sign 21-year-old Austrian goalkeeper Ivan Lucic for an undisclosed fee. (*Bristol Post*)



INYATSI'S SIFISO LEADS IN NATIONAL MTB SERIES

By Sabelo Majola

CYCLING - INYATSI'S sturdy cyclist Sifiso Mhlanga is still leading in the Total National MTB series after he was crowned champion of the Mdumezulu MTB charity challenge.

Mhlanga is on the lead with 195 points followed by MTN Khemani veteran cyclist William Kelly with 171 points. Lesley Foss and Wendy Reed are first and second, respectively in the female category. Mhlanga has accumulated points after good finishes in the last four MTB challenges.

Top 10 Total National MTB series leading cyclists:

Pos	Ezulwini	Imvelo	Ngwenya	Mdumezulu Points
1. Sifiso Mhlanga - Inyatsi	45	50	50	195
2. William Kelly - Khemani	50	40	45	171
3. Sicelo Phiri - Khemani	40	29	40	138
4. Sabelo Mngometulu - Lubombo	-	45	32	109
5. Mduduzi Zwane - Newcom	-	36	36	98
6. Kieren Vincent	-	26	26	69
7. Richard Cunningham - Inyatsi	29	10	15	65
8. Wiseman Jele	26	17	20	63
9. Rodney Nkambule	36	11	14	61
10. Fana Mntlani - Newcom	-	-	29	52

Females:

1. Lesley Foss - Inyatsi	-	50	-	50
2. Wendy Reed - Inyatsi	-	-	50	50

These are Ezulwini Essential, Imvelo, Ngwenya Glass and the latest Mdumezulu MTB challenge. The fifth race of the series will be the Inyatsi Nkonyeni

G2G to be held on August 13. The King of the Mountain MTB challenge will be held on August 6 at Princess Pholile Hall.



LEADS: Cyclist Sifiso Mhlanga.

Way Inn top MRPA Malkerns zone

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOL - GIANTS Way Inn are currently leading the chasing pack in the Manzini Regional Pool association Malkerns zone with 21 points after six games.

This comes after the Malkerns side beat Nicks 15-10 over the weekend to

cement their position at the summit of the log.

Sitting at position two is France with 17 points following their hard fought 13-12 victory over fourth-placed Mankayane.

Completing the top three is Macembe, who are sitting at 15 points after six games.

MRPA Chairman Muntu Dlamini confirmed the log

and further said only the Malkerns zone was in action over the weekend.

"We only had the Malkerns zone games taking place and the other zones will be in full swing this weekend.

We are happy with the overall proceedings of the league since the season started," he said.

The full results:

Malkerns Zone		Nicks	
Way Inn	15	Macembe	10
France	9	Mankayane	16
Bhunya 1	13	Sun of Kings	12
M.Eagles	20	Bhunya 2	5
Figaredo	21	Lions	5
Tigers	13	Figaredo	12
Malkerns Zone	14	Figaredo	11

The log standings:

	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Wayinn	6	6	0	104	46	58	21
2. France	6	4	2	92	58	34	17
3. Macembe	6	4	2	82	68	14	15
4. Anka Eagles	5	3	2	72	53	19	12
5. Mankayane	5	3	2	70	55	15	12
6. Nicks	6	3	3	67	83	-16	10
7. Bhunya 1	6	2	4	64	86	-22	9
8. Stairs	6	2	4	64	70	-6	9
9. Bhunya 2	5	1	4	56	69	-13	4
10. Sun of Kings	5	0	5	44	81	-37	3

MBABANE JAZZ FINISHES TOP IN EML FIRST ROUND

By Sibusiso Masilela

BASKETBALL - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Jazz finished the first round of the Swaziland National Basketball League Elite Mens League Division at the top of the table.

This comes after the defending champions beat Luyengo Pacers 79-54 during the league game played at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

This match also marked the end of the first round. Jazz are perched at the summit with 14 points after recording seven straight wins in the current campaign.

Following

Manzini Superstars finished second following their 86 - 50 win over Knicks to help them jump to 12 points after seven games. Bosco Steels crushed Simunye Cat 108 - 47 and are sitting at position three.

In the ladies category, Super Ladies finished on top of the National Women League after accumulating six points in three games. Lady Jazz are second with six points but Super Ladies have a game in hand.

SNBL Commissioner Melusi Hlophe said the two leagues would now take a two-week break.

"The leagues will take a break to give way

for the refereeing and administration courses to be held soon. He said the Mens Promotional League would continue but they were still working on a few logistics including venues.

The full results:

EML		Pacers	
Mbabane Jazz	79	Cats	54
Steels	108	Raptors	47
Imbumba	51	Knicks	47
Supers stars	86	Knicks	50

NWL

Griffins	25	Lady Jazz	53
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The log standings

Team	P	W	L	P
1. Mbabane Jazz	7	7	0	14
2. Manzini Superstars	7	5	2	12
3. Bosco Steels	7	4	3	11
4. Cats	7	3	4	11
5. Mbabane Raptors	7	3	4	11
6. Imbumba	7	3	4	10
7. Pacers	7	2	5	9
8. Mbabane Nicks	7	1	6	8

NWL

Team	P	W	L	P
1. Superladies	3	3	0	6
2. Lady Jazz	4	2	2	6
3. Njabulweni Griffins	3	0	3	3

Bruce Gama to attend ITF coaching course

By Sanele Jele

TENNIS - THE Swaziland National Tennis Association (SNTA) has selected Bruce Gama to take part in the Southern African Regional Coaches Tennis Conference in Sun City Sport Centre, Johannesburg.

This was confirmed by SNTA President Maxwell Jele yesterday. "We extended invitations to all local coaches and due to the cost associated with this event; we were able to negotiate a sponsorship for Gama to attend."

He said they were grateful to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for affording Bruce Gama (JTI Coordinator) a chance to attend the course. "We strongly believe this course will help him as he prepares to undertake his role as the JTI Coordinator," Jele said. The two-day course will run from August 9-11.

"This workshop is expected to be attended by all Southern African countries whereby the latest techniques in tennis coaching will be discussed and shared by the ITF.

This invitation is open to all interested tennis coaches, who would like to build capacity in their coaching game," he said. Jele further said ITF would cater for accommodation.

FOXES WANT MRFA AGM DECLARED NULL AND VOID

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - LUYENGO Foxes objected to the Annual General Assembly held by Manzini Regional Football Association (MRFA) this past Sunday and now want it to be declared null and void.

Foxes have laid down a number of concerns, which include failure by the MRFA to observe its own rules in respect to the conducting of an Annual General Meeting.

Luyengo Foxes General Secretary Bongani Gregory Dlamini claimed that the meet-

ing, held at Malkerns last week, did not have an agenda item for the approval of the agenda, as stipulated in article 29 (1d) of the rules and regulations of the Malkerns Promotions League that it is mandatory to include an approval of the agenda as an agenda item.

"What is irregular and in conflict with the statutes is that this mandatory item was excluded in the agenda and the general assembly, at the annual general meeting, did not approve the agenda; irregular and unconstitutional as it is," Dlamini said.

He also alleged that the rules stipulated that it was mandatory

to present and approve financial statements during the meeting, but this was never done. He said as it stood, the statements remain not presented and un-approved.

Submitted

He further submitted that the alteration of the agenda could only be done by two thirds of the majority present during the meeting, but that did not happen at the AGM.

This contravened article 29 (1) and such a decision to alter the agenda was not voted for, Dlamini alleged.

"I state that the minutes were not confirmed as they were also circulated to the members during

the meeting, and as such, incapacitating members to read and confirm them.

The chairman of the MRFA simply imposed on the teams, without them having read the minutes that they were accordingly adopted, albeit without any mover and seconder of such confirmation," he said.

He stated that during the AGM, Luyengo Foxes, as reported by the Swazi Observer, had raised these concerns.

He claimed that the MRFA chairman insisted that the meeting was constitutionally convened because a majority of the members were represented.



'Phindrix' aiding Black Leopards assess defenders

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba striker,

Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini, has been requested by South African National First Division side Black Leopards to help them in assessing players.

Information gathered by the Swazi Observer is that the player has a rare gift that Leopards CEO Kenneth Makhanya spotted during their friendly match against the Herbert Maruwa led side, which he wanted the player to render in their quest to assess a few defenders.

'Phindrix', together with Manzini Sundowns duo of Justice Figureito and Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule, is currently in camp with 'Lidoda Duvha', helping the visiting team to evaluate potential players.

When reached for comment, Green Mamba PRO confirmed that Makhanya approached the team requesting for the player to join their camp so that he added to the number of strikers in order for them to effectively evaluate certain defenders.

"The player joined Black Leopards' training on Monday and is specifically adding numbers so that they can effectively assess defenders. Makhanya was impressed with the player when we played a friendly match with them this past weekend hence why he asked the team for 'Phindrix's assistance and we obliged," he said.

'Phindrix' previously played for South Africa's SuperSport United, University of Pretoria and Jomo Cosmos before joining Green Mamba.



Pirates decide against signing Sihle Ndaba, Zungu

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MTN Premier League returnees, Moneni

Pirates, have decided against the signing of experienced players Sihle Ndaba and Vusumuzi Zungu ahead of the new season.

It has been gathered that the two players will not be part of the 'Sea Robbers' despite the fact that they

have been training with the club. Pirates are looking at bolstering their squad as they prepare for their premier league campaign.

A source close to the matter asserted that the players would not be signed.

Failing

"The two players will not join the team after failing to meet certain requirements.

The team will be announcing new signings soon as we have a number of players try their luck with us."

The source said the team would soon intensify their preparations for the new season.

"As soon as the board endorses the new players, we will engage

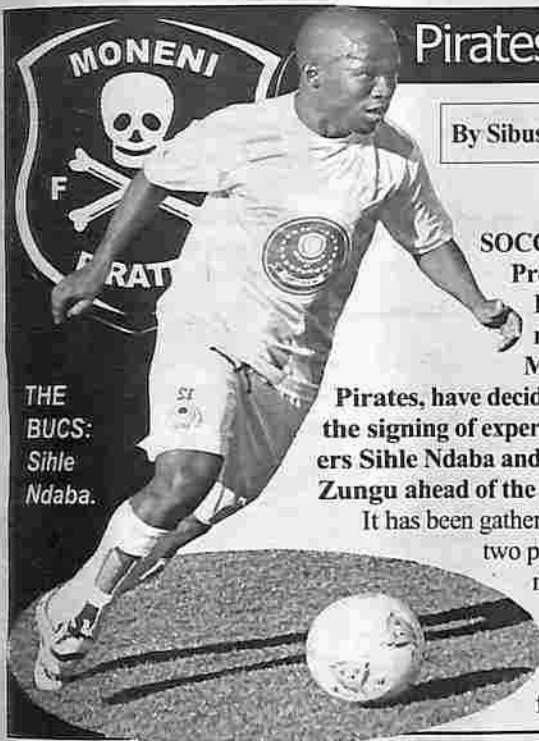
the next step as far as our preparations are concerned.

Feedback

Pirates Public Relations Officer Thamie Dlamini said he was yet to get feedback concerning the signing of new players for the team.

"I cannot commit myself on this matter seeing as we have yet to meet as a team to discuss and finalise the signing of the new players."

Reports coming from the 'Buccaneers' camp suggest that the team has pulled out of the race to sign former Manzini Sea Birds striker, Machawe Mtsetfwa, who was part of the squad that faced SA Black Leopards, over the past weekend at the Manzini Club.



THE BUCS: Sihle Ndaba.

Mahindra Swaziland pumps in E10 000 to HRFA

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - SPONSORSHIPS continue to flock into the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA), and the latest being the E10 000 boost by Mahindra Swaziland.

The sponsorship was announced yesterday at Sigwaca House.

Mahindra Swaziland Principal Dealer Sifiso Zulu said his company had taken a strategic decision to support local football at grassroots level.

"We are very happy to be partnering with HRFA as they are one of the best structured associations in the region. It is also part of our social responsibility as a company, so are pleased to give back to the community and the vehicle being football," Zulu said.

He further said they were committed to supporting and unearthing new and raw talent. "This is only the beginning as

we aim to continue supporting football, especially at the grassroots level. These kids are future Sihlangu stars, thus we think it is proper to invest in the Under-13 and 15," he added.

HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe said it pleased them to partner with Mahindra Swaziland.

"This means there must be something good the HRFA is doing that draws companies and the organisations to partner with us.

We appreciate this and we promise to live up to their expectations in running the tournament professionally.

We will also make sure they get maximum mileage," Shongwe said. Mbabane Juniors' League Chairman Melika Dlamini thanked the sponsor for responding to His Majesty King Msawti III's call for Vision 2022.

"We welcome the support from Mahindra Swaziland. We want to ensure the sponsor that we will

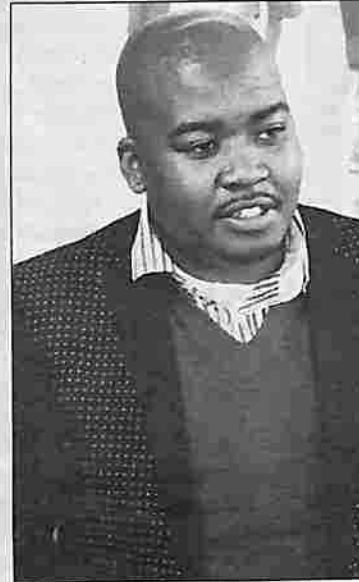


CHAIR: HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe.

do our best to host a violent free tournament. There will be no age cheating as we will monitor this throughout the tournament."

He then pleaded with parents to let their children participate in these games as they would be starting on this Saturday.

"We will have a march from Mahindra Swaziland offices to



SPONSOR: Mahindra Swaziland Principal Dealer Sifiso Zulu.

the CBD before heading to the playing ground at Msunduzi," he said.

The tournament will be contested by 28 teams from the Mbabane Juniors League.

16 teams will be from the U-13 and the other 12 teams from U-15.

Felix, 'Sikhali' fail to impress at Celtics

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows pair of Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa have returned from their two-week trials with South Africa ABSA Premiership side Bloemfontein Celtics, having failed to earn contracts with the team.

The Sihlangu players returned home on Monday night after being assessed by Celtics Coach Serame Letswako.

South African online publication KickOff.com confirmed that Bloemfontein Celtic decided against signing the players.

The duo formed part of the squad that took part in the Uthukela Mayoral Cup tournament played over the past weekend.

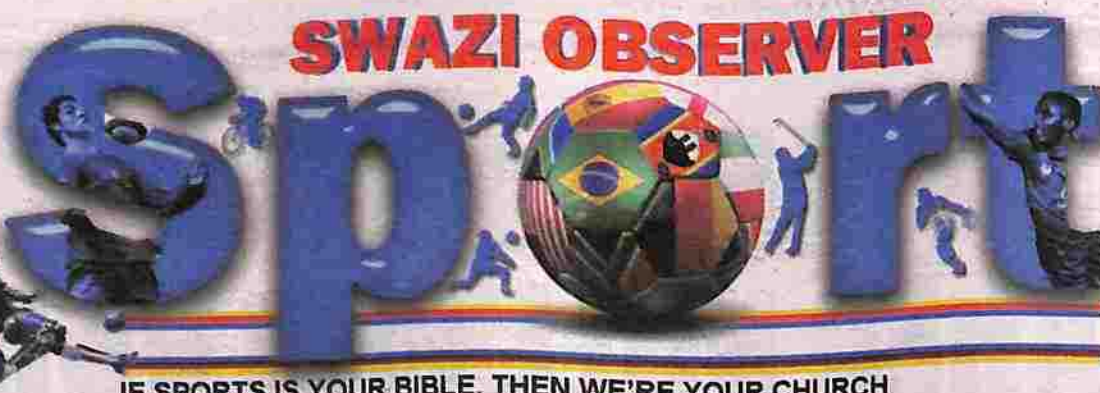
"They are good players, no doubt about that. Both players did well but they are not what we are looking for in terms of our striking force," Celtic CEO Khumbulani Konco told KickOff.com. Swallows Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Manana confirmed that the players had returned to the team when contacted yesterday.

"Yes, they are back with the team after attending trials with Celtics. We always strive to see our players making it through to the professional ranks. It's good they are back and we welcome them to the 'Birds nest'."

This comes after the South African media recently reported that Felix had impressed Letswako during the pre-season tournament which could possibly see the lanky former Jomo Cosmos industrious player returning to the money spinning league.

The two players played part in Sihlangu's 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup good run where the nation's pride won a bronze medal. The tournament saw Badenhorst winning two consecutive Man of the Match awards and further finished as the top goal scorer of the regional showcase with five goals. They are now expected to form part of Swallows' squad that will take on South African National First Division side Black Leopards during the international friendly matches also featuring Manzini Wanderers this weekend. The games are likely to take place at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

UNLUCKY: Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa did not impress at Bloemfontein Celtic.



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JULIUS PROMISES WANDERERS FANS SILVERWARE

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - HARDLY a week after signing a three-year renewable contract, new Manzini Wanderers coach Julius Chakupewa has emphasised the need to win silverware this coming season.

In his first comment as the 'Weslians' coach, Chakupewa promises to win silverware and that they will be playing skillful and attractive football.

The former Masvingo United mentor says he is looking forward to bringing back the glory days at the team. His recent appointment as head coach presents an opportunity for the coach to endear himself to the success-starved fans and there is no better way to achieve that than deliver trophies this season.

"It is an honour for me to work for such a big club

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like Wanderers which has a huge fan base and holds a high status in the country. I will push hard to ensure that I fulfill the mandate of winning one trophy. I will achieve this by working together with all the stakeholders of the team," he said.

Impression

When asked about his overall impression of the squad, the 49-year-old Germany Pro license holder said the team needed to beef up the all the three departments in order to compete effectively in the new

campaign.

"Here, I found an equally capable squad that needs few additions to try and meet the expectations of the supporters, which is to win silverware. We are currently working extra hard at training in preparation for the Charity Cup where we must compete effectively in order to achieve our desired goals," he said. He concluded by saying that communicating with players was essential, and as a result, he



will take lessons, predicting that he will be 'speaking siSwati in record time' - (jokingly).

Chakupewa has beaten his three fellow countryman in Mandla Mpofu, Luke Masomere, and Godfrey Tameresi, who were all shortlisted for the hot seat at the maroon and white outfit.

He possesses a Germany PRO license as well as a CAF B license. His first official assignment will be next Sunday during the 2016 Swazi Telecom Charity Cup.

Feature

The tournament will also feature Royal Leopard, Mbabane Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders during the one-day soccer spectacular.

Wanderers will this weekend take on South African National First Division side Black Leopards during international friendly matches also featuring Mbabane Swallows.

The maroon and white outfit is expected to announce their new signing ahead of the new campaign as they are reportedly to assessing several Zimbabwean players to bolster their squad.

Foxes cry foul on 'robbed' Super League promotion

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - TRUE to their word, Luyengo Foxes have taken the Manzini Regional Football Association to the High Court, crying foul on losing out in the opportunity to play in the Super League this coming season.

They are seeking an order setting aside the MRFA's decision to promote Dwaleni Power Sparks. They argue that they are the champions of the Malkerns Promotions League and therefore, should be promoted.

The Luyengo based side has since instituted legal proceedings before the High Court seeking an order declaring that they are champions

and should be promoted to the Super League.

The Mandla Mkhwanazi owned side has appointed the latter's law firm to represent it in court and has alleged that the executive committee last week tabled two conflicting reports on who was to be promoted into the Super League between Dwaleni Power Sparks and the Luyengo based side.

Promoted

They have claimed that the general secretary tabled two reports, one which promoted Luyengo Foxes and another doctored report which promoted Dwaleni Power Sparks.

Luyengo Foxes General Secretary, on affidavit, has claimed that his team qualified after one of the teams,

Mahlanya Foxes, was convicted of having fielded a defaulter, which automatically meant they forfeited three points and three goals for each game where the defaulter played.

He alleged that in both games played between Luyengo Foxes and Mahlanya United, the defaulter was used, which entitled the former to bag maximum points.

This, he alleged, meant that Luyengo Foxes amassed the highest number of points and took the pole position on the log, automatically qualifying to play in the super league.

He argued that the Manzini Regional Football Association breached Article 7 of the Malkerns Promotions League rules and regula-

tions.

He submitted that with the two conflicting reports submitted, it meant that the Malkerns Promotions League had two teams promoted to play in the super league.

The court papers contain the two reports which show a distinction on the list of teams promoted to the super league, specifically in page 5 of each of the six paged reports.

Excluding

Under 'Promotion to Super league,' the initial report mentioned five teams including Luyengo Foxes while the alleged doctored report also has five teams outlined but excluding Foxes. Instead, it was replaced by Dwaleni Power Sparks. They claim the doctored report has

stripped them the due points hence they would miss out on the opportunity to play in cup tournaments.

"I wish to state that the MRFA decision to promote Dwaleni Power Sparks to the Super League ahead of Luyengo Foxes in total disregard of Article 7 (10) (a) (a) of the Malkerns Promotions League constitutes an injury to the Applicant's constitutional rights aforesaid.

The prejudice that comes along with this decision is that Luyengo Foxes is stripped of its champion status, denied the right to be promoted to Super League, hence automatically forfeiting the right to participate in both the SwaziBank Cup and the prestigious Ingwenyama Cup," reads the court papers.

The MRFA and Powers Sparks are yet to file their responding papers in the matter.